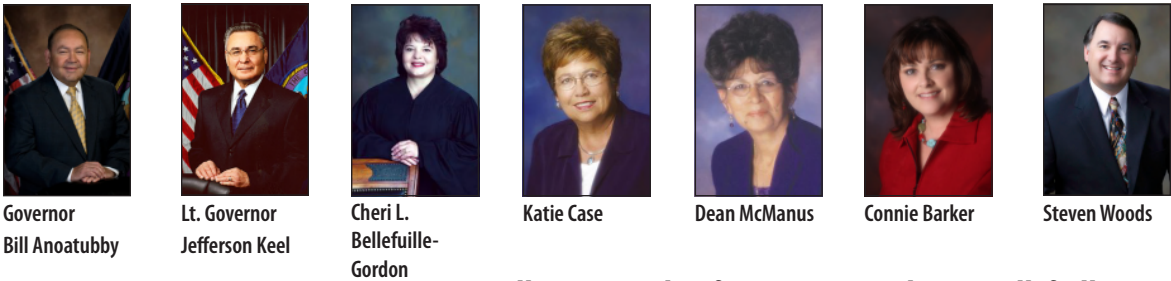


Incumbents victorious in tribal election



Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel were unopposed in the 2011 tribal election and will serve another four-year term.

Election ballots were counted July 26.

Incumbent Supreme Court Justice Cheri L. Bellefeuille-Gordon was also unchallenged and will retain Seat 3 on the court.

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Sovereign Clinic expands medical services



From left, Renee Fondren, tribal Division of Commerce employee; Bill Lance, Division of Commerce administrator; Cherri Bellefeuille-Gordon, Chickasaw chief justice; tribal legislators Dean McManus, Mary Jo Green and Nancy Elliott; William Browning, Division of Commerce employee; Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel; Gov. Bill Anoatubby; Chris Anoatubby, Division of Commerce chief medical solutions officer; Dr. Tina Cooper, Sovereign Family Practice Clinic medical director; Tanya Hudson, nurse practitioner; Paula Caldwell, LPN; Rebecca Andrews, RN; Patience Dudley, coder; Kyra Epperly, receptionist; Jayne Nickell, biller; and Joanna Hawkins, LPN.

ADA, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined by tribal citizens, officials, employees and guests in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Sovereign Medical Solutions Family Practice Clinic July 19 in Ada.

An economic enterprise of the Chickasaw Nation, the private practice family clinic serves tribal employees and their dependents who are not eligible for care at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

“We owe our hard-working, dedicated employees a debt of

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CELEBRATE!

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THE CHICKASAW NATION

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 1

Tishomingo, Oklahoma

Annual Meeting, Festival set for Sept. 24 - Oct. 1

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Attention all Chickasaws and friends! Make your plans now to attend the 2011 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival!

The 51st Annual Meeting and 23rd Chickasaw Festival will be September 24 through October 1. The theme this year is Liholiitoblichí - “Let’s Celebrate!”

“Chickasaws of all ages from all walks of life have contributed to the success of the Chickasaw Nation,” said Governor Bill Anoatubby. “From unprecedented growth in our economy to revitalization of

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Chickasaw Language Basics App now available

Learning Chickasaw is just one download away. The Chickasaw Nation has recently released a Chickasaw Language Basics application now available on iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad.

“The Chickasaw Nation, under Governor Anoatubby’s leadership, has been a leader, both in Oklahoma and nationwide, in the area of language revitalization,” Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, Administrator of the tribal Division of History and Culture, said. “We are using modern, cutting edge technology to save something ancient and precious,”

The application provides individuals the opportunity to learn



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Chickasaw Nation named a top workplace in Oklahoma City

The Chickasaw Nation has been ranked among the top employers in the Oklahoma City metro area by readers of an Oklahoma publication.

The Chickasaw Nation tied for third place with Cox Communications in 2011“The Best of the Best” award in the “Best Company to Work For” category in *Oklahoma Magazine* readers’ survey in July 2011 issue.

Chesapeake Energy was the

top choice, followed by Devon Energy.

Each year, *Oklahoma Magazine* polls its readers to determine who and what stands out among a crowded field of competitors.

Results of “The Best of the Best” were determined by on-line voting conducted from Jan. 1 - March 15, 2011. The top three entities receiving the most votes in each category for

the Tulsa and Oklahoma City areas were named “The Best of the Best.” Separate ballots were provided for readers in the Tulsa and Oklahoma City areas.

Oklahoma Magazine is the largest circulated monthly, complimentary magazine in Oklahoma, with a monthly readership of more than 117,000.

Oklahoma Magazine is distributed in the Tulsa area,

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Jefferson, JoAnn Ellis and Joshua Hinson.

Chickasaw Language Basics can be downloaded for free at www.Apple.com/iTunes. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Language Department at (580)272-5310.

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All incumbent legislators were re-elected by overwhelming margins.

Pontotoc District Seat 3 incumbent Katie Case of Ada was re-elected with more than 61 percent of the vote. Mrs. Case defeated challengers Mary Ruth Barnes, of Fitzhugh, and Barbara Allen Wilson, of Ada.

Pontotoc District Seat 4 incumbent Dean McManus, of Ada, was returned to office with more than 64 percent of the vote.

Mrs. McManus defeated challenger Matthew Scott Gore, of Ada.

Pickens District Seat 2 incumbent Connie Barker, of Marietta, was re-elected with almost 67 percent of the vote.

Mrs. Barker defeated challenger Mike Watson, of Ard-

more.

Tishomingo District Seat 3 incumbent legislator Steven E. Woods, of Sulphur, was re-elected with more than 68 percent of the vote.

Mr. Woods defeated challengers Melanie Peden, of Tishomingo, and Joyce L. Wesley, of Milburn.

Elected officials will take the oath of office 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 3.

For more information, call Election Secretary Rita Loder at (888) 661-0137.

Governor/Lt. Governor
Bill Anoatubby and Jefferson Keel - unopposed

Pontotoc District Seat 3
Katie Case
2,163 votes – 61.59% - Winner
Mary Ruth Barnes
922 votes – 26.25%

Barbara Allen Wilson
427 votes – 12.16%

Pontotoc District Seat 4
Dean McManus
2,260 votes – 64.79% - Winner
Matthew Scott Gore
1,228 votes – 35.21%

Pickens District Seat 2
Connie Barker
1,400 votes – 66.92% - Winner
Mike Watson
692 votes – 33.08%

Tishomingo District Seat 3
Steven E. Woods
1,061 votes – 68.41% - Winner
Melanie Peden
271 votes – 17.47%
Joyce L. Wesley
219 votes – 14.12%

Supreme Court
Cheri L. Bellefeuille-Gordon – unopposed

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our language and culture, we have many reasons to celebrate as we gather with family and friends for this annual event.”

Gov. Anoatubby’s State of the Nation Address and the Annual Meeting are set for Saturday morning, October 1, at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College in Tisho-

mingo. The Festival parade will immediately follow.

The week-long Chickasaw Festival attracts thousands of visitors each year. Activities are scheduled in Tishomingo, Ada, Emet, Kullihoma and Sulphur. Many exciting events are planned including Cultural Evening, Art Show and Mar-

ket, Annual Meeting, cultural events, entertainment, games, food, fellowship and more.

Be sure to mark your calendars for this annual event and visit www.Chickasaw.net/annualmeeting for more information.

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Recall, adapative nature have served Chickasaws well

The great British wartime prime minister Winston Churchill paraphrased philosopher George Santayana when he said, during the war, “A nation that forgets its past is doomed to repeat it.”

Churchill was most likely referring to the unresolved issues of World War I, which led to Germany’s attack on England and the onset of World War II.

When I consider the history and progress of the Chickasaw Nation, I am frequently reminded of Churchill’s statement. Our tribe, unlike so many other sovereigns, has displayed a true dedication to recalling our past in great detail.

As a long-established sovereign nation, the Chickasaws first met the challenge of European entry by defeating the adventurer Hernando De Soto in 1541. Of course, this was just the beginning of many changes to come over the generations.

The Chickasaw Nation was particularly adept at analyzing the actions of the French, Spanish, British and, eventually, the young American state. Learning from past experience and putting those lessons to good use proved to be a great



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

strength of Chickasaws.

During the period of Removal, Chickasaw leaders were diligent in negotiating the best terms and conditions with the United States. The experience was obviously not a positive one, but the Chickasaw people came through the tragic event better than most.

If Chickasaws are anything, we are adaptable. Once in Indian Territory, Chickasaws were soon about the business of tribal government, community building and sharing the resources that were available. Not pleased with the integration of our tribe with the Choctaws, the Chickasaws soon established a new constitution and re-energized the uniqueness of the Chickasaw Nation.

Throughout our history, we have adapted to times of plenty, and times of want. Throughout the 19th and much of the 20th Centuries, we had to adapt seemingly all the time. Our survival, and eventual re-emergence as a powerful tribe, are tributes to our perseverance and commitment to each other.

Chickasaws were subjected to allotment of tribal lands, and persevered through very tough times. One

thing the Chickasaw Nation would never accept was the dissolution of its unique and sovereign status, even though unilaterally declared by the U.S. The Chickasaw people knew that throughout the generations, they had always counted on each other. That tradition would never be relinquished.

In our modern Chickasaw era, we have continued our process of learning lessons from previous experiences, and putting those lessons to good use.

We learned that education was a primary factor in both personal and tribal success, so we emphasized school to our children. Our traditions called for honoring our elders, so we built programs and structures to make their lives healthy and rewarding. The wellbeing of our people was critically important, so we committed tremendous resources to health care for all Chickasaws.

There is, of course, so much more. We have together built a solid foundation for those of us living today, and for our future generations.

We honor our past, and we learn from it. We never forget what has transpired before, because as a people, we have encountered more than our share of battles. We take the best of our experiences and build on those.

To forget our past is unimaginable to Chickasaws. To learn from our past is the key to our present, and future.

SOVEREIGN FAMILY PRACTICE CLINIC | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

gratitude for contributing to the success we have enjoyed,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “This new clinic is one way we can ensure our employees have access to the high quality health care services so important to the quality of life they deserve. This new Family Practice Clinic allows us to leverage our success and operational knowledge of health care systems to the benefit of our non-native employees and their families.”

The clinic is located at 1007 N. Country Club Road.

“In the past few years as the Nation’s employment numbers have grown, we have noticed an increasing need for primary care health services for our non-native employees and their dependents,” said Chris Anoatubby, chief medical solutions officer for the tribal Division of Commerce. “Our new Family Practice Clinic will focus on primary care, wellbeing and prevention as well as acute illnesses.”

Mr. Anoatubby stressed the Family Practice Clinic will provide healthcare within the

Chickasaw Nation Human Resources provider network. The clinic expects to add additional providers as the need arises.

The new clinic will be utilizing the latest technology to manage everything from patient records to appointment scheduling. A comprehensive suite of over 50 applications installed at the clinic will support clinical, business and administrative functions that focus on improving patient care and provider workflow.

These technological enhancements provide for the following patient conveniences:

- New patients can complete their registrations online as well as print and review their patient information forms before coming into the office.
- Patients can schedule appointments online and based on their availability.
- Patients can complete a medication reconciliation form online before their next appointment or anytime there are changes in medication.

Mr. Anoatubby said he be-

lieved the Family Practice Clinic would prove convenient for employees and their families. Additional health care facilities, he said, are being considered for the future.

Dr. Tina Cooper will serve as medical director and will be the primary physician on duty at the Clinic.

Dr. Cooper received her medical degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in 1995. She earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing from the OU Health Sciences Center in 1983. She also served as chief of staff and as a family physician at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center from 1998 until joining Sovereign Medical Solutions.

Dr. Cooper is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the Oklahoma Academy of Family Physicians. She is also a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. She serves on the Chickasaw Nation Institutional Review Board for research and is a principal investigator for the Oklahoma Native American



The patient lobby of Sovereign Medical Solutions private practice, family clinic provides a calm and relaxing atmosphere for those waiting to be seen by the clinic’s medical staff. Mike McKee

Research Centers of Health.

Nurse practitioner Tanya Hudson is also a staff member.

Originally from Latta, Okla., she graduated from East Central University in 1998 with a bachelor’s degree in nursing. She worked for Valley View Regional Hospital in Ada as a registered nurse for 10 years beginning in 1998.

During that time, she completed the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center receiving her

master’s degree in nursing and certification as a family nurse practitioner. She worked for Central Oklahoma Family Medical Center in Konawa, Okla., from 2007 to 2011 and Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Fast Track from 2009 to present.

She is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Oklahoma Nurses Association and American Nurses Association.

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Recital Aug. 26 at McSwain Theatre

Tribal School of Guitar students to perform



Front row from left, tribal School of Guitar students Nathaniel Rodgers, Reno Vasquez, Bethany Easley-Wade and Myraya Folsom. Back row from left, David Parsons, School of Guitar instructor Greg Griffin, Daniel Mead and Logan Hatter.

The unique guitar skills of nine Chickasaw students will be featured during a recital 6:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 26 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada, Okla. Bethany Easley-Wade, Myraya Folsom, Logan Hatter, Daniel Mead, David Parsons, Nathaniel Rodgers, Reno Vasquez, Bili Ward and Tristen Wood are students at the new Chickasaw Nation School of Guitar. Initiated earlier this year, the 12-week pilot program led by

Greg Griffin and Wayne Willis is sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities' Arts in Education program and seeks to bring music in the life of young Chickasaws. The program is open to Chickasaw youth, grades nine through 12. Participating students are provided with instruction and the opportunity to perform in a recital upon successful completion of the

class. Students also receive a guitar after completing the course for continued growth and life enhancement through music. The recital is free and open to public. The McSwain Theatre is located at 130 W. Main. For more information about the Chickasaw Nation School of Guitar, please visit www.chickasaw.net or call (580) 272-5520. **CONTRIBUTED BY** Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

Holba' Kana'li film series features 'Lost Sparrow' Aug. 25

"Lost Sparrow," an award-winning documentary investigating the disappearance and death of two Crow Indian brothers, will be shown 2 and 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 25 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada, Okla. The film is presented by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities as part of the Holba' Kana'li Film Series. Bobby, 13, and Tyler, 11, were struck and killed in 1978 by a 44-car freight train as they ran away from their adoptive family. Three decades later, writer, producer and director Chris Billing investigates the dark family secrets that prompted his adopted brothers to flee. "Lost Sparrow" has been screened at several film festivals in United States and Canada. The film has also won numerous awards including the Best Indigenous Voices award at the [2011 Fargo Film Festival](#)

in North Dakota and the best documentary feature award at the 2009 American Indian Film Festival in California. For more information about the movie, please visit www.lostsparrow-movie.com. Tickets are \$3 for general admission, \$2 for seniors and children under 12 years of age. A \$5 movie deal includes admission, popcorn and drink. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The McSwain Theatre is located at 130 W. Main. The Holba' Kana'li Film Series showcases Native American-made independent films that address the issues of Native American and Indigenous peoples. For more information about the film series, please call (580) 272-5520. **CONTRIBUTED BY** Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

Save the Date!

Chickasaw Princess Pageant

September 26, 2011 • Begins at 6 p.m.

Ada Cougar Activity Center
Ada High School • Ada, Oklahoma

Chickasaw Princesses serve as ambassadors for the Chickasaw Nation at a variety of events and activities throughout the year.

Chickasaw Princess: Ages 17 - 25
Chickasaw Jr. Princess: Ages 12 - 16
Little Miss Chickasaw: Ages 7 - 11

Required application is available at 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820 or at www.chickasaw.net. Application deadline is Friday, August 26, 2011

For more information call (580) 272-7710

2011 'Programs and Services' and 'Services @ Large' Directories

The directories contain information about all Chickasaw Nation programs and services. Inside the directories you will find program descriptions, important phone numbers and contact information, office locations and hours of operation, as well as program requirements. Don't miss out on the opportunities available to you and your family. Reserve your copy by visiting <http://www.chickasaw.net/servicedirectory>.

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Education programs serve you - regardless of age, job

Greetings from the Pickens District! My family and I are winding down the summer, preparing to go back to school. We always think summer time is a time to rest and relax, but we always seem to find ways to keep busy and on the run! Several of the legislators and I visited the North Texas Chickasaw Community Council meeting in Bedford, Texas. They were so kind to invite us to their picnic. Although the day brought another round of 100+ degree weather, we managed to survive the heat. Many thanks to John Atkins and the rest of the group who welcomed us very kindly.



SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I visited with a gentleman named Mark Roquemore from the Dallas area. Mark is a teacher but he is also going to school to get his master's degree. I commend those of you who have established careers but have decided to continue your educations. I hope you are all taking advantage of the outstanding scholarships and tuition assistance the tribe has to offer. With school just around the corner, I encourage you to visit the Division of Education's website at www.chickasaweducation.com to see what is available to you. Education is so important to the preservation of our culture and to ensure the future success of our tribe.

While visiting with the fine folks in North Texas, I was able to spend a lot of time with a tribal elder and distant cousin named Tina Wooley. Ms. Wooley is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to Chickasaw families and extended families. It was so enjoyable to listen to her reminisce about people she knew many decades ago and how their families are all connected. As I've emphasized in the past, our elders are an invaluable wealth of Chickasaw and family history.

God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. -2 Corinthians 9:8 (NRSV)



Legislator Shana Hammond with Chickasaw elder Tina Wooley.

Relay for Life Rally raises funds for cancer research

Wow! It is hot! We are officially experiencing a heat wave! That reminded me of the 1963 song, "Heat Wave" by Martha and The Vandellas. Some of you might be familiar with that song. It made quite a splash in its day! Wish we could have a few splashes of rain in our forecast! In April, a group of our Chickasaw employees participated in the Bryan County Relay for Life Rally, at on the campus of SOSU. Hard to believe, but it was actually cool that evening and many attendees wore jackets. The rally started at 7 p.m., and lasted until 7 a.m. the following morning. The focus of the event is twofold; to raise financial support and to remember those who are or have been in the fight against cancer. Participants walk around the track on and off the entire time of the Rally. As I was told by one of the walkers, "Everyone knows of someone affected by cancer." Hats off to the employees of the Durant Clinic, Tishomingo Clinic and the Achille Senior Center, who gave of their time and weekend to participate in this worthy cause! Thank you.



BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

For their July meeting, the North Texas Chickasaw Community Council hosted a picnic. It was an enjoyable time of fellowship, and door prizes were awarded. Much appreciation to the council for providing the refreshments and to Mr. Stephen and Robert Walden for grilling the burgers!

At their next meeting on August 27, the council will be showing the movie "Pearl." Everyone is invited to come and enjoy popcorn and a movie! The council meets at the Bedford Boys Ranch, 2801 Forest Ridge Drive in Bedford, TX.

The Achille Area Chickasaw Citizens had their quarterly meeting on July 30. Mr. Michael Wingo, Customer Service Coordinator for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing, was the guest speaker. Mr. Wingo shared information and answered questions about the housing programs that are offered by the Nation.

Last but not least: On July 30, the Panola District Chapter of the Chickasaw Martial Arts Program met at Bloomfield Cemetery for a clean up day. Thank you to all who participated. The next Bloomfield Cemetery day has been scheduled for August 20. For more information contact Mr. DeLoyd Hicks. (580) 916-8284.

I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 10:11
Beth Alexander (580) 283-3409



Back row from left, Latisha Henson, Pat Mosley, Melba Love, Ironda Hicks (Team Captain). Seated from left Bill Paddock, Sherri Henson (Co-Team Captain).

Funding for Indian health care takes constant effort

Hello everyone, I hope everyone is staying cool during this unseasonably hot weather. On July 6 and 7, Indian Health Services Director, Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, hosted the first Tribal Leaders Consultation Summit in Bethesda, Maryland. The purpose for the summit was to provide a "one stop shop" on Tribal Consultation; to learn about current IHS Tribal Consultation activities and workgroups; and to provide feedback and recommendation on current IHS consultation topics.

In March 2010, President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act which included the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. The law continued the authorization for many long standing IHS programs like the Indian Health Care



CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Improvement Fund, the IHS scholarship and loan repayment program, Contract Health Services, (a heavily discussed topic among tribal leaders), and construction of additional health-care facilities. It also gave authority for three new programs, long term care, dialysis and the use of tele-mental health. In the spring of 2010, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act began implementation of timelines, and identified opportunities to partner with other agencies and later that year consultation with tribes started.

The agenda included breakout session on various topics, Each attendee selected what they were interested in. I had the privilege of representing the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee as a panelist for one session. Other sessions included Tribal Self Governance, data sharing agreements, Indian Health Services budget formation, and contract health services. Most of the tribal leaders present voiced their concerns about the lack of funding for contract services, with the Director agreeing as well.

The Director indicated she was very concerned about the lack of behavioral health services for Native Americans and Alaskan Natives, and said she had decided to move that to the top of her priority list. Suicide prevention, drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment were in the forefront of her open forums with tribal leaders. She reported that Tele-behavioral health technology is being adopted as an effective way to improve access to behavioral health services. Currently, over 50 IHS and Tribal facilities in eight IHS areas are implementing on-site behavioral health services through tele-medicine technology.

After attending this consultation summit, it really opened my eyes to the lack of healthcare some tribes face. For many Alaskan Natives and reservation tribes, transportation to any healthcare facility is near impossible. I am so grateful for the wonderful facilities we have within the Chickasaw Nation and the leadership that keeps them providing services every day.

As a result of these great services, these are the recent statistics for the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center for the month of June 2011.

Internal Medicine visits- 681; Emergency Department visits-3,838; Pediatric visits-1,131; Family Practice visits (including satellite clinics)-4,066; OB/GYN Deliveries-59; General Surgery-284; and General Surgery visits-279.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Legislator,
Connie Barker, Pickens District, Seat 2

Historic Boggy Depot next to return to Chickasaw roots

Hello Everyone,
I want to tell you about a recently passed resolution for a very exciting land acquisition. It is an opportunity to reclaim Boggy Depot! I am excited for two reasons. First, Boggy Depot is a tangible part of Chickasaw history, and best of all, the price is right. It is free!

Two consecutive years of budget cuts have caused the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department to not only schedule the closing of seven state parks, of which Boggy Depot State Park is one, but to also offer to give Boggy Depot State Park to the Chickasaw Nation.



KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The resolution passed by the Chickasaw Legislature allows Governor Anoatubby to negotiate and complete the contract for transfer of the 630-acre Boggy Creek State Park from the State of Oklahoma to the Chickasaw Nation, with the Choctaws to maintain the cemetery. Several prominent Choctaw tribal and political leaders are buried there.

Boggy Depot is actually located in the Choctaw Nation, six miles east and three or four miles south of Wapanucka. The origins of the name, “Boggy Depot,” are its location on Clear Boggy Creek and its use as a Confederate commissary during the Civil War. The town was

founded by Chickasaws in 1837 when Chickasaws were sent to the area after arriving in Ft. Smith, AR, during the removal of the 1830s. Clean water, an abundance of river cane and plenty of range land to support their horses made the spot desirable to our ancestors.

From its establishment in 1837 until the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad bypassed the community in 1872, Boggy Depot was an important place. In 1858, it became a stop on the Butterfield Overland Stage line. In 1859, one of its church buildings served as the temporary capital of the Choctaw Nation, and during the Civil War, a Union raiding party fought a group of Confederates just a few miles northeast of Boggy Depot. After the Civil War and after the creation of a formal dividing line between the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, most Chickasaws moved to lands west of Boggy Depot.

Today, the park has a 6-acre fishing lake, camp sites, a playground, a baseball field, picnic tables, and comfort stations with showers. Potentially, it is a great place for retreats, youth camps and gatherings of many kinds.

I hope you are as excited about the acquisition of Boggy Depot as I am. I can’t wait to see you there!

People First,
Katie

Upcoming school year presents lots of opportunity for students

Hello Everyone,
Summer is almost over, and I must say I’m not too sorry to see it go. Oklahoma has had one of the hottest and driest summers on record. I look forward to fall and cooler temperatures.

Fall means school will be starting, and many of our programs are gearing up now for the fall semester. The Chickasaw Nation Head Start is now taking enrollment applications. We currently have Head Start classes in Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur, and Tishomingo. One of the new programs that will be introduced in Head Start this year is entitled, “I am Moving, I am



NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Learning.” This program is a proactive approach for addressing childhood obesity in Head Start children. It seeks to increase daily moderate to vigorous physical activity and promote healthy food choices every day. The Chickasaw Nation is always on the cutting edge of new and innovative educational programs, and a child is never too young to learn how to live a healthy lifestyle.

It is also time to sign your children up for Legos. The Legos program is the part of our Robotics program geared for elementary age children. The Legos leagues were formed to inspire younger children to learn problem solving skills in the areas of Math and Science

while providing a seamless transition to the Robotics program.

This last year, our Robotics team, Metal Mayhem, did extremely well at the State and Regional meets, placing among the top teams in the nation.

Applications for higher education grants and scholarships are due by September 1, 2011. Students can access the application by going to the website, <http://www.chickasaweducationservices.com/>, or call (580) 421-7711 to speak to a higher education specialist. The application for the Youth Services Clothing Grant will be available August 1, 2011, for school children ages 3-18. These forms can also be obtained at the website, <https://services.chickasaw.net> or call (580) 272-5585.

Another new and innovative educational program just launched by the Chickasaw Nation is ChickasawKids.com, a website geared specifically for elementary age children. The website includes history, cultural information, recipes, activities, games, and printable coloring sheets. This website will serve as a tool for our Chickasaw youth to learn more about their heritage and explore the rich history and culture of the Chickasaw Nation.

When it comes to educating our children, the Chickasaw Nation takes it seriously. We know our children are our future. Let me know if I can help you in any way.

Sincerely,
Nancy
Nancy. Elliott@Chickasaw.net
(580) 399-4374

Sovereign Clinic promises health care excellence

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. It is still very hot and dry in Oklahoma. It is so dry that Ada has implemented water rationing. We are all praying for rain, needless to say.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is celebrating its first year of operation. Besides being a place where we all can learn about our ancestors and our traditions and culture, it has become a premier place of interest for Oklahomans and vacationers just traveling through Oklahoma. There are many billboards and media advertisements that have been very successful



MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

in drawing Chickasaw people and others to it. The Cultural Center is a great source of pride for us living here in the Nation.

The ribbon-cutting for the new Sovereign Family Practice Clinic was July 19. The Clinic will provide health care for non-Chickasaw employees and all employees’ families. It is being operated by the Division of Commerce and the chief physician is Chickasaw Dr. Tina Cooper.

On August 2, the Chickasaw Foundation hosted its annual Scholarship Reception to award scholarships to students for the upcoming year. The Reception was at the McSwain Theater and the scholarship recipients walked across the stage to be recognized by the audience. We are so proud each year of our Chickasaw students who are doing so well!

The Chickasaw Hall of Fame banquet is the evening of August 18 at Riverwind Show Place. It is always an evening of amazement as we learn of the great accomplishments of prominent Chickasaws. This year is going to be especially moving for me because my son, attorney Jess Green, is being inducted. Jess was a state judge for a few years and a Chickasaw Legislator. He has been a contract attorney for the Nation for many years and has worked on the national stage defending our sovereignty and supporting our business and housing ventures. I am a proud mother, as you can see.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site.

Until next time, I wish God’s blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

Court Advocates now available in Ardmore, Ada and Purcell

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459. This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

Kids learn Chickasaw traditions at tribal Peacemaking Camp



Peacemaking Camp participants at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, Okla.

By Barbara Smith
Chickasaw Supreme Court Justice

On July 7, 50 Chickasaws gathered for the first Peacemaking Camp. Ages ranged from 7 to at least 62, which is my age. I will not reveal any other ages. They may be a secret.

It was a beautiful, hot summer day in Sulphur, Oklahoma at the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center. This was the first Peacemaking Gathering we have had with Chickasaw children. However, it will not be the last. The energy, the joy, the laughter and the fun of being with so many Chickasaw children all day was inspiring. We talked about who we are as a people and who they are as a person.

The lessons we learned from each other were priceless and will not soon be forgotten. On this day, I was blessed to have my 22-year-old nephew, Matthew Winchester Smith, helping me with the camp. Many thanks to Matthew for all the good work he has done.

We started the morning with a prayer in our Chickasaw language given by Joann Ellis. Jeremy Wallace and the Chickasaw Stomp Dancers then led us in the Friendship Dance. Spirits were soaring and the day began with a tour of the

Cultural Center. The children saw people they knew, people they have heard about, and people they will remember. There is always something new to discover at the Cultural Center.

Many thanks to the staff at the Cultural Center for making the day so special and a special thanks to the Stomp Dancers: Dixie Brewer, Judy Thomas, Tyra Lewis, Michael Cornelius, Eddie Postoak and Regina Berna gave us the history of the Chickasaw Clans and the children participated as clan representatives. We learned about Talking Circles and Talking Pieces and talked about learning to listen with a story of an elder teaching a young person to listen: "Take a horned toad, for example. If you think you're better than a horned toad, you'll never hear its voice - even if you sit there in the sun forever." And what he has to say may be important.

Listening to one another is so very important.



By Barbara Smith
Chickasaw
Supreme Court
Justice

We had great fun decorating our own Talking Pieces. Valerie Walters and Candice Blevins from the Cultural Center provided us with miniature stick ball sticks and stuffed animals representing each clan. Together, we decorated the stick ball sticks with ribbons and colored markers. I must say, they were all beautiful!

A special treat for all of us was to have three of the Chickasaw Peacemakers join our clans and help with our circles. Peacemaker Robert Cole, Peacemaker Anna Ruth Cole and Peacemaker Don Moody danced with us and shared stories and wisdom of peace.

Also, the Chickasaw Nation Court staff joined us in our clans. Many thanks to the District Court Clerks Wayne Joplin, Tamara Dresser, Ginger Sanders and Jeannie Jones; Supreme Court Clerk Connie Tillery, Lighthouse Officer Dusk Monetathchi; Intern Jordan Volino; and District Court As-

Assistance available for area ranchers affected by drought

Southeastern Oklahoma farmers and ranchers who have recognized losses associated with the ongoing drought can apply for assistance.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency has announced that producers who have suffered livestock grazing losses may be eligible for assistance through the Livestock Forage Disaster Program.

For information, please contact your county Farm Service Agency office. In Pontotoc County, the number is (580) 332-3070.

sistant Steven Harris; District Judge Dustin Rowe; Nicle Rowe; and Associate District Judge Sherry Todd.

A special thanks to Chief Justice Cheri Gordon and Justice Mark Colbert for all the support in bringing this camp to the Chickasaw children. Chief Justice Gordon has been in charge of the Court Camp for many years and has made the Camp the success it is today. The Peacemaking Court is honored to be included in the camp.

The Peacemaking Camp was a part of the Judicial Department's three-day Court Camp in the Chickasaw Nation Summer Camp Program. Through Chief Justice Gordon's guidance and the Justice Department's Assistance, the camp provides a look into the legal system and the justice system with a mock trial presented by the Justice Department.

The mock trial presented a civil conflict between Big Bad

Wolf and Curly Pig. Associate District Judge Sherry Todd was the presiding Jude, Probation Officer Wanda Keller was Big Bad Wolf, Assistant Attorney General Christina Huntsman was Curly Pig, Assistant Attorney General Chris Darnell was Sly Wolf, Assistant Attorney General Ash Mayfield was Attorney for Wolf, Assistant Attorney General Stephanie Padilla was attorney for Pig, Deputy Attorney General Debra Gee was Store Owner. The Director of the play was Assistant Attorney General Robin Rollins. Special appearances by Tessa Rollins and Joey House for ID exercise purposes.

Many thanks to the Justice Department. It really does take a village to raise a child. This camp brought us all together to be a small part of each child's story. It was memorable for all of us. I hope it will me memorable for them.

Peace be with the Chickasaw Nation.



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Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away

from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, **please contact Ms. Joy Barrick at (580) 310-6451 or joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.**

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Chickasaw Cultural Center celebrates one-year anniversary



Chickasaw Cultural Center staff, from left, Terren Cunningham, Terri Woods and David Correll cut and serve the Cultural Center’s one-year anniversary cake Saturday, July 23. More than 2,000 visitors participated in the weekend festivities celebrating the one-year anniversary of the Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla. More than 60,000 people from all over the world have experienced the Cultural Center in the past year.

Nearly 2,000 people visited the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla., during the

one-year anniversary celebration. The weekend event took place June 23 and 24.

“In the last year, people from all walks of life have been able to come and experience these beautiful grounds,” said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. “Not only does this place reflect the spirit of the Chickasaw people but it highlights the cultural heritage of our great state. It is a magnificent place to come, share and embrace Chickasaw heritage.”

The Chickasaw Cultural Center has hosted more than 60,000 visitors since opening in July 2010. Since opening, the facility has hosted more than 150 meetings and special events, nearly 160 school groups, 68 church groups and 83 civic organizations have walked the campus.

“We could not have hoped for a better turnout for the celebration of the first anniversary of the Cultural Center,” said Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, Ad-

ministrator of the Division of History and Culture.

“We were thrilled to see many new faces as well as many returning visitors. The vision of Governor Anoatubby and the Chickasaw people is being realized everyday. The Chickasaw Cultural Center is truly a center of living Chickasaw culture.”

To commemorate the anniversary weekend the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center had \$1 admission and the Anoli’ Theater showed the 1985 movie, “The Goonies” for \$1. Anniversary t-shirts and tote bags were given to visitors in limited supply and free birthday cake was served. In addition several demonstrations and activities were held throughout the weekend.

“The Chickasaw Cultural Center is a beautiful facility and a place for me to learn

more about my Chickasaw heritage,” said Heather Pinion, a Chickasaw college student. “This is my first visit to the cultural center but it will not be my last.”

Special events will take place throughout the summer at the Cultural Center. Some of the events include genealogy and scrapbooking workshops, cultural demonstrations and storytelling.

The Cultural Center will show children’s movies in the Anoli’ Theatre and children can join the Cultural Center-Chipota Movie Club.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road. For more information, please visit www.chickasawculturalcenter.com or call (580) 622-7130.

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Chickasaw Children’s Choir meeting Aug. 13

The Chickasaw Children’s Choir will begin rehearsals this month for the 2011-2012 season. Chickasaw students, ages eight through 12, who want to learn more about vocal music and performance are welcome to participate.

Interested students, parents and guardians are invited to attend a mandatory meeting at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 401 E. Oklahoma, Sulphur, Okla.

At the meeting, choir conductor Phillip Berryhill will answer questions about commitment to the choir, rehearsals and performances. A short rehearsal will be conducted to demonstrate a regular choir rehearsal.

Students in the children’s choir learn various aspects of development in the vocal arts and choir performance. The choir performs songs in English, Chickasaw and other languages at various tribal and

community events.

Rehearsals will be conducted regularly in Ada, Ardmore and Sulphur. Other locations may be scheduled as students are added. For more information, or to join the Chickasaw Children’s Choir, contact Mr. Berryhill, Cara Criswell or Laura Stewart in the tribal Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Humanities Course starts Aug. 18

Deadline for enrollment in the Fall 2011 Chickasaw Clemente I Humanities Study course is Thursday, August 18.

Chickasaw Clemente Humanities Courses are college-level study programs exploring art, history, literature, language, government and culture. Students examine the rich and diverse culture of the Chickasaws.

The course is worth three credit hours and will be offered at East Central University in Ada. Class will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 9:05 p.m. each Thursday August 18 through

December 8.

The class is sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

Participants in the Clemente I course will study Chickasaw topics in depth and compare and contrast them with the same components of Western civilizations.

The class has reflected our area’s rich and diverse cultures with students representing a myriad of tribal affiliations. In addition to Chickasaw, the following tribes have been represented: Apache, Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek, Jicarilla

Apache, Kiowa, Navajo, Seminole, Cheyenne, Pottawatomie, Mississippi Choctaw, Crow, Ponca, Euchee and Sioux.

Chickasaw citizens may be eligible for tuition scholarships offered exclusively for the Clemente courses through the Division of Arts and Humanities.

For more information, contact Jennifer Watson at Jennifer.watson@chickasaw.net or Laura Clark at laura.clark@chickasaw.net or call (580) 272-5520.

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Southeastern Art Show & Market deadline for entries is Sept. 2

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The application deadline for this year’s Southeastern Art Show and Market is Friday, Sept. 2, 2011.

Launched in 2005, the Art Show and Market is an opportunity for adult and youth artists from any Southeastern and Woodland tribe to showcase and market their artworks on the beautiful historic Chickasaw Capitol grounds in Tishomingo, Okla.

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities during the tribe’s 51st Annual Meeting and 23rd Festival, the juried art competition and market will be conducted Saturday, Sept. 29-Oct. 1 on the tribe’s capitol grounds.

Art Show and Market art awards will be presented Sept. 29 at the Arts and Culture Awards in conjunction with the 2011 Annual Meeting and Festival.

Thousands of dollars in prize money will be awarded, including a \$1,000 cash prize for the Best in Show winner and \$1,000 in total prize money for youth winners. Artists are encouraged to enter the competition in the two-dimensional and three-dimensional categories. They may enter up to two works per category and up to a total of four entries.

The youth artist competition is open to students entering grades nine through 12 in the 2011-2012 school years.

Application forms, entry rules and additional information can be found on the Chickasaw Nation website at www.chickasaw.net or by contacting the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or emailing artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

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Updated Chickasaw.tv screen, channel



Chickasaw.tv now has an updated look with a new channel, larger video screen and a huge selection of videos.

A high-definition online video network focusing on Chickasaw people, history, traditions, art, culture and services, Chickasaw.tv was launched in January. The website is a portal for Chickasaw citizens and others to view Chickasaw past, present and future.

The new Chickasaw Cultural Center channel on Chicksaw.tv will feature videos highlighting the Center in Sulphur, Okla.,

and bring the total number of channels to 10. Other channels are: government, commerce, news, history and culture, arts and humanities, water, destinations, people and Chickasaw online.

Collectively, the massive video network offers fascinating stories, timely news and useful information on a variety of topics.

The video view screen is now 25 percent larger than the original screen, allowing for a more engaging viewing experience.

The constantly updated website contains a collection of more than 1,300 short videos covering Chickasaw government, programs and services, people, history and culture, arts and humanities and many more.

A mobile version of the website is also available for iPhones and iPads.

For more information, please visit www.chickasaw.tv.

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This month on Connections

Connections is a weekly radio program on KCNP that covers a variety of topics and issues.

Each week, special guests are invited to discuss their areas of experience and expertise with host Brian Brashier.

Connections airs live on KCNP at 11 a.m. CST each Wednesday on 89.5 FM or streaming online at www.kcnpradio.org.

This month on *Connections*:

August 3 – “Crime proofing your home and property”

How safe is your house from theft or vandalism? Find out from our expert this week what you can do to better protect your home and property.

August 10 – “Preparing lawns and gardens for the fall”

Believe it or not, fall is just around the corner. We’ll talk about what needs to be done in order to get our lawn and garden ready for the cooler season.

August 17 – “Quick meals from the Farmers Market”

Fresh food is good food. Learn how to make quick and easy meals using fresh ingredients from the local farmers market.

August 24 – “The Chickasaw Nation Foster Care Program”

The Chickasaw Nation has over 100 children in tribal and state custody ranging in ages from birth to 18 years old. Join us this week to discover how to become a foster parent.

August 31 – “Going green at home”

Reduce, reuse and recycle – it’s easier to do than you think. Pick up some tips on how to make your house more environmentally friendly.

September 7 – “(Not so) extreme couponing”

Want to learn how to become a coupon king or queen? You won’t want to miss this show!

Listeners are invited to call the show’s toll-free line at 1-TLK-895-KCNP (1-855-895-5267) to talk to each week’s guest.

Questions and comments for guests can also be emailed to feedback@kcnpradio.org.

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This month on CNTV

Talented Chickasaw youth gather together this summer at the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy. Get a behind-the-scenes look at the academy and meet some of the participants in our August youth feature.

Want to quit smoking but need help? Find out more about the Chickasaw Nation’s Smoking Cessation program this month on CNTV.

A protector of Native American sovereignty, an accom-

plished writer and a great warrior chief will be inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame on August 18. Learn more about the 2011 inductees in this month’s special feature.

....and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

CONTRIBUTED BY Joshua Rogers, Public Affairs

Web exclusive articles

Read these articles at www.chickasawtimes.net

Hall of Fame

GOLDSBY, Okla. - A protector of Native American sovereignty, an accomplished writer and a great warrior chief will be inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 18, at Riverwind Casino in Goldsby.

Hall of Fame Reservations

Hall of Fame inductees will make a red carpet entrance at 6 p.m. and the banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for the event, which is expected to accommodate approximately 525 guests. To make reservations contact Krissy Easterling at 580-332-1165 or email krissy.easterling@chickasaw.net.

Tribal landscaping products distribution program August 9

ADA, Okla. - A Chickasaw Nation landscaping products distribution program seminar is set for 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 9 at the old Chickasaw Nation Gym, 520 East Arlington, Ada.

Other seminars will be conducted at 5:30 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi, Ada, on Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 and Dec. 6, 2011.

Career Development now accepting applications

The Career Development Initiative Program (CDI) is now accepting applications.

Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! program announces classes

These exciting cooking shows are free and open to the public and demonstrate healthy cooking for the entire family. Leave with recipes, nutrition education and new ideas to cook healthier every day. Classes offered on each day feature the same recipes during the times of availability. All of the Get Fresh! recipes are based on the daily nutritional needs listed on MyPyramid.gov.

For more information, call (405) 527-6967. Get Fresh! Schedule is posted online at www.chickasawtimes.net

Nominations currently being accepted for 2011 Dynamic Woman of the Year

The Chickasaw Nation is now accepting nominations for the 2011 Dynamic Woman of the Year Award. All nominations and supporting documentation must be turned in to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities by Aug. 12, 2011.

CHICKASAW NATION SILVER FEATHER AWARD

Nominations must be received by August 26 for consideration in 2011.

2011 Heritage Preservation Research Awards Nominations

Deadline for receipt of nominations is August 26.

Non-traditional students graduating, discovering careers

School-to-Work graduates honored for academic achievements



2010-2011 Chickasaw Nation School-to-Work graduates, current students obtaining 3.5 or higher grade point average and program staff include: front row from left (seated), Veronica Clement, Ronda Sockey, Arli Jo Foster, Sharlee Knighten, Andrea Johns and Erica Minor. Second row from left, Pamela Filipelli, Arlinda Tso, Kerri Truett, Avery Fisher, Holly Flowers, Cordelia McGee, Amber Williams, Courtney Cook, Treva Perry, Jordan Kiddie, Kristie Wallace, Gena Brown, Kandie Lowe, Eric Murray, Stormy Busby and Ada STWP Counselor Valerie Nix. Last row from left, STWP Director Danny Wall, Chickasaw Nation Division of Administrative Services Administrator Jalinda Kelley, Bobby Hatton, Derrick Seeley, Loree Dresser, Katelyn Henley, Zayne James, Niki Walker, Corey Green, Shannon Littlefield, Forrest Cheadle, Ardmore STWP Counselor Don Mose, Amanda Schultz and Natosha Shelton. Fall 2010 and spring 2011 graduates not pictured are: Candeleine Hoelscher, James Reynolds, Michael Worcester and Rachel Redman.

Two dozen Chickasaw Nation School-to-Work graduates were honored during a recent Student Recognition Ceremony conducted at the Inn at Treasure Valley in Davis, Okla.

The 2010-2011 graduates, Chickasaw students from the Ada and Ardmore programs, received awards and Pendleton blankets for their efforts.

Jalinda Kelley, the administrator for the tribal Division of Administrative Services, shared Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby's vision for the program with the students.

"Several years ago when Governor had this program in mind he said he really felt like if we gave Chickasaw citizens an opportunity to have full time jobs and to further their education they would do something great with that opportunity," said Mrs. Kelley. "And as I look at all of the graduates, I have to say that you all have taken this program and you have done something great with it."

The School-to-Work program is overseen by the tribal Division of Administrative Ser-

vices.

The graduates earned degrees in varying fields such as pre-medicine, chemistry, human resources counseling, elementary education, health information management, psychology, Native American studies and many more. Many of these graduates are well on their career paths after securing full-time employments within and outside the tribe.

Graduating last fall were: Arli Foster, Bobby Hatton, Candeleine Hoelscher, Cordelia McGee, Courtney Cook, Derrick



From left to right, Ardmore School-to-Work graduates Kevin Farve and Kasie Graham, current students obtaining 3.5 or higher grade point average June-Pickens Standridge and Phillip Whitthorne. Not pictured are: Felecia Hindon and Tracey Vinson.

Seeley, James Reynolds, Kasie Graham, Kevin Farve, Michael Worcester, Stormy Busby and Zayne James.

The spring graduates were: Amanda Kretzchmar, Andrea Johns, Arlinda Tso, Erica Minor, Eric Murray, Kandie Lowe, Keri Truett, Natosha Shelton, Pamela Filipelli, Rachel Red-

man, Ronda Sockey and Sharlee Knighten.

In addition, several current students were recognized for obtaining a 3.5 or higher grade point average last fall and spring semesters.

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About School-to-Work

The School to Work Program helps eligible traditional and non-traditional Chickasaw students earn their education while maintaining employment through an on-the-job training program.

Students attend class and work in internship programs,

typically in an area associated with their field of study. Students are considered employees and receive a paycheck and benefits for their efforts.

For more information, contact Valerie Nix at (580) 559-0815 in Ada or Don Mose at (580) 222-2839 in Ardmore.

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2010 - 2011 Chickasaw Princesses, from left, Little Miss Chickasaw Maegan Carney, Chickasaw Junior Princess Taloa Underwood and Chickasaw Princess Sesiley Robertson.

Have you ever thought about being a Chickasaw Princess or just want more information about the princess program? **Contact:** Mary Hartley, Princess Program Coordinator, (580) 272-7710 or email mary.hartley@chickasaw.net

Tribe major supporter of upgraded facilities

Slippery Falls Scout Ranch ‘Chickasaw Village’ dedicated



From left, Scout Executive/CEO-Last Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of America, Jeff Woolsey; tribal Division of Commerce official Eddie Easterling; Division of Commerce administrator Bill Lance; Executive Board Member and Past President-Last Frontier Council, Ed Martin; Gov. Bill Anoatubby; Board President-Last Frontier Council, Pat Rooney; Executive Board Member and Immediate Past President - Last Frontier Council, Steve Mason.

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby dedicated a new program area at Slippery Falls Scout Ranch on June 30. The new area will be called the Chickasaw Village.

Pat Rooney, Chairman of First National Bank in Oklahoma City, serves as President of the Last Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of America. He presid-

ed at the ceremony. Over 200 Boy Scouts and volunteers attended.

“I grew up just down the road in Tishomingo,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “The Chickasaw Nation and the Boy Scouts have the same values.

Slippery Falls Scout Ranch, operated by the Last Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of Ameri-

ca, serves over 2,000 campers each summer from across the region. The Chickasaw Nation made a major donation toward constructing the new site which provides merit badge instruction in pottery, archaeology, basketry, art, sculpture, textiles and Indian lore.

Ed Martin, Chairman of the Board at Ackerman-McQueen, and Steve Mason, President of Cardinal Engineering, echoed Gov. Anoatubby’s comments about the importance of the Scouting movement for today’s youth.

“It is important for youth to have places like this” said Mr. Mason. “The council has a commitment to continue to develop exciting places for Scouting to happen in the outdoors.”

The Last Frontier Council has completed a \$10 million capital campaign to improve camping facilities throughout the state.

On display at the dedication were four new buildings,

patterned after traditional Chickasaw dwellings including a 1,000 square-foot council house. Also on display were items crafted by Chickasaw citizens and Scouts including baskets, flutes, blow-dart guns, bow and arrows and stickball equipment.

Slippery Falls Scout Ranch has five staff members and numerous campers who are citizens of the Chickasaw Nation.

The Second Annual “Following the Trail” Native American men and boys’ conference is set for October 29 in Little Axe, Okla.

The conference will be hosted at the Cornerstone Indian Baptist Church in Little Axe.

Activities, a youth program and door prizes will be parts

“This is a partnership that will continue to grow,” said Gov. Anoatubby.

Slippery Falls Scout Ranch is located eight miles north of Tishomingo in southeast Oklahoma.

The Last Frontier Council serves over 10,000 youth in Oklahoma with an outdoor program of character development, citizenship training and personal fitness.

of the event.

Registration is \$10 per person.

For more information, contact Bryce Scott, (405) 912-0044, bwsscott1@hotmail.com; Darryle Rattler, (405) 650-0707, drattler@ou.edu; or Ben Little, (405) 605-9312, ben_little@msn.com

‘Following Trail’ conference set for Oct. 29 in Little Axe

Tribal net assets continue climb reflecting business results

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and the tribe’s BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor’s and Lt. Governor’s offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe’s Division of Education. Health expenditures include senior citizens

sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending June 30, 2011

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$17.2 million for the month and \$120.3 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$8.1 million for the month and \$68.2 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for June totaled \$82.9 million and \$740.7 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$187.1 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$72.7 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At June 30, 2011, the tribal government funds had \$144.0 million in cash

and investments. Of this amount, \$18.7 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$178.5 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and busi-

ness operations.

As of June 30, 2011, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$1.223 billion compared to \$1.213 billion at May 31, 2011 or an increase of \$10 million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2011

Revenues		
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		
Total funds available		
Expenditures		
General government		
Legislature		
Judiciary		
Education		
Heritage Preservation		
Health		
Youth and Family Services		
Nutrition Programs		
Regulatory		
Assistance Programs		
Gaming expense		
Other businesses' expense		
Total expenditures		
Increase in net assets		
Beginning net assets		
Ending net assets		

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2011

Cash and Investments		
Receivables		
Inventory		
Prepaid expenses		
Other Assets		
Fixed assets		
Less payables		
Net Assets		

Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
5,921,136	740,764,880	746,686,016
114,404,529	(114,404,529)	-
120,325,665	626,360,351	746,686,016
8,163,684		8,163,684
1,244,308		1,244,308
703,007		703,007
13,340,653		13,340,653
9,770,874		9,770,874
12,899,428		12,899,428
5,801,013		5,801,013
3,609,645		3,609,645
5,398,478		5,398,478
7,278,374		7,278,373
	394,696,308	394,696,308
	158,943,173	158,943,173
68,209,463	553,639,481	621,848,944
52,116,202	72,720,870	124,837,072
518,184,288	580,945,883	1,099,130,171
570,300,490	653,666,753	1,223,967,243

Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
144,056,773	178,532,839	322,589,612
41,103,229	50,602,892	91,706,122
152,209	5,992,719	6,144,928
	18,297,413	18,297,413
	10,818,353	10,818,353
385,407,195	539,593,072	925,000,267
(418,916)	(150,170,536)	(150,589,452)
570,300,490	653,666,753	1,223,967,243

BIRTHS



Tiphannie Dawn Dearing

Tim and Kristen Dearing, of Scottsdale, Ariz., announce the birth of their daughter, Tiphannie Dawn Dearing. She was born June 21, 2011 and weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz., and measured 21 inches at birth.

Proud grandparents are Mike and Karen DeMoss, of Scottsdale, and Mike and Linda Dearing, of Chandler, Ariz.

Tiphannie is the great-great-niece of the late Jeannette Reed, whose great-grandfather was Dave Sealy, an original enrollee.



Brody Kale Noland

Braydon Kole Noland announces the birth of his baby brother, Brody Kale Noland. Brody was born Feb. 28, 2011 at 10:53 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada, Okla. He weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz., and measured 20 inches at birth.

Happy parents are Bronson and Angela Noland, of Davis, Okla.



Brinley Ava Beshirs

Samuel David and Amy Louise Beshirs Jr., of Paris, Texas, announce the birth of their



Diamond Danielle

Diamond Danielle celebrated her fourth birthday with a Princess pool party July 24, 2011.

Happy Birthday Diamond! Hope you had a great party and received everything you wanted.

We love you so much.

Love,

Mommy, Daddy and Bubba



Robert Eugene Nichols

Robert “Bob” Eugene Nichols, of Pauls Valley, Okla., celebrated his 88th birthday with his family July 16, 2011.

Mr. Nichols is the son of original enrollee Joe B. Nichols and the grandson of Sarah Lot-tie Stewart.

We love you Daddy!

daughter Brinley Ava Beshirs. Brinley was born July 14, 2011 at 4:59 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz., and measured 20 inches at birth. Proud older sister is Ashlyn Brooke Beshirs.

Proud grandparents are Samuel David and Tina Beshirs Sr., of Mexia, Texas, and Clark and Joyce Smith, of Powderly, Texas.

Great-grandparents are J M and Alice Beshirs, of Sumner, Texas and Leonard F Owen Sr. and the late Virginia Louise Owen and the late Doris Mae Owen.

BIRTHDAYS



Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby presents Marie Hart a Chickasaw Nation seal afghan to commemorate her 100th birthday. Chickasaw elders and staff members hosted her birthday party June 29 at the Purcell Senior Center.

Mrs. Marie Hart feted on 100th birthday

PURCELL, Okla. - Chickasaw elders and staff members hosted a 100th birthday party at the Chickasaw Nation Purcell Senior Center for Mrs. Marie Hart. The celebration was Wednesday, June 29.

Governor Bill Anoatubby attended the party, visiting with Mrs. Hart and enjoying historic family pictures. Gov. Anoatubby presented Mrs. Hart with a Chickasaw Nation Seal blanket.

“I have had a good life,” said Mrs. Hart. “This has been the best birthday ever. I am so proud of my blanket and it was so good to see the Governor.”

Mrs. Hart’s birthday celebration was topped off with dancing to the Tennessee Waltz, played by the elders from the Purcell Senior Center.

Mrs. Hart was born June 24, 1911 to “a full-blood Chickasaw mother and a white working father,” she said.

One of 10 children, she was raised in the Tuttle, Okla., area where she went to school and church.

“We went to church by wagon and were involved in church programs - you know, like Christmas programs and Bible school. After church, everyone would have a picnic and play ball.”

When Mrs. Hart was about eight years old, she and several other kids were playing in the gulley behind her grandmother’s house.

“We dug holes into the sides

of the gulley and three of us crawled inside,” she said. “The dirt fell in and we were trapped for a long time. The other kids went and got help. When the adults got us out, we had to go to the hospital to be checked out. We were not allowed to play in the gulley after that day.”

She also fondly recalled playing jacks and marbles. She still enjoys collecting marbles today.

At the age of 19, Mrs. Hart married and moved to Moore, Okla., where she started her family. She helped raise two sons and worked nights cleaning office buildings.

Twenty years later, she and her husband purchased 120 acres and moved back to Tuttle. They had wild turkeys and cows on their farm and raised their own feed and hay for their animals.

“Gardening was just part of growing up and you canned everything you could because times were hard,” she said. “We always had a piano in our home. No one ever had lessons on how to play, but my husband was pretty good.”

Mrs. Hart still owns the fiddle the family purchased from the Sears catalog in the 1930s.

With the changing times, the Harts’ land became more valuable to the State of Oklahoma for development of the turnpike and roadways. The land joined the Canadian River

(the northern boundary of the Chickasaw Nation) where the Pikey Crossing and Ferry once operated to assist with cattle drives. It was also a section of land which allowed Chickasaw citizens to be protected from the citizens of Oklahoma Territory just before the open land run into Indian Territory. This area of land is present-day State Highway 4.

There is only one thing that Mrs. Hart could think of that bothered her.

“I do not understand why no one will let me drive anymore!”

Mrs. Hart never received any type of driving citation and only had one accident, “and it was in a snow storm about one and a half miles from here. But I still didn’t get a ticket.”

She relies on her family and services of the Chickasaw Nation to help her with daily activities. “I see the doctors at the Chickasaw Nation clinic in Purcell,” she said. “I enjoy the Farmer’s Market coupons and I have people come in and help take care of me.”

Mrs. Hart and her husband, Raymond, were together 58 years, until his death.

“We enjoyed dancing,” Mrs. Hart said. “Sometimes we would dance all night long and go to church the next morning. And, there was no alcohol involved.”

Raised in a home where everyone was treated equal, Mrs. Hart and her siblings were made to mind their parents and elders.

“That has always been important to me,” she said.

She has five grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, a few great-great-grandchildren and “a lot of nieces and nephews.”

In 1996, Mrs. Hart received an official Certificate of Citizenship from Gov. Anoatubby. She displays it proudly in her living room. When she turned 80 years old, she received a brooch from Gov. Anoatubby and the Chickasaw Nation.

“I wore it to my party and it was the first thing Governor noticed,” she said. “I am so proud he came to my party.”

GRADUATES



Diamond Max Wheeler

Diamond Max Wheeler is a 2011 graduate of the University of Missouri, Columbia. He is the son of Diamond Wade and Vicki Wheeler and big brother to Paige and Andrea. He is the grandson of Glen and Margaret Roach Wheeler. He is the great-grandson of original enrollees,

the late Diamond and Rubey Massey Roach.

Mr. Wheeler graduated on the Dean's List with a bachelor's degree from the College of Arts and Sciences on May 14, 2011. He was a George C. Brooks Scholar and a Bright Flight Award recipient.

He ascended through the ranks ultimately serving as president of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity and was awarded a leadership scholarship for his accomplishments within the fraternity.

He was active in intramural sports playing football, basketball and softball. While attending college, he earned the position of personal lab assistant as a freshman in the computer science department, created his own production company (Usual Gang Productions), created promotional videos for the College of Arts and Sciences, and was awarded a Gold Addy

Kendall and Kristy Norman. She is the granddaughter of the late Edwin Neil and Betty Proffer and the late Ben E. Norman and Betty Norman.

Kendra was a participant at the state cross country her senior year. She was named All Conference for four years in basketball and earned All Conference awards in multiple events in track.

She is a very talented athlete and has a huge heart for animals and loves to ride horses.

Her future plans are to attend Augsburg College in Minneapolis, where she has been recruited to run cross country, track and play basketball. She is unsure of her major, but she hopes for sure it will involve animals.



Kendra Michelle Norman

Kendra Michelle Norman is a 2011 graduate of North Branch High School, North Branch, Minn. She is the daughter of

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would

like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the Public Affairs Department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens

regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in the *Chickasaw Times*.

Award for an animated commercial he produced for the Axiom Ad Agency in Columbia.

Mr. Wheeler had the privilege of working three summers for the Chickasaw Nation in the Multimedia Department in Ada and accepted a position there upon graduation.

He and his family are very appreciative of the educational opportunities and support provided by the Chickasaw Nation. His family is very proud of his hard work and diligence over the past four years and wishes him the best that life has to offer.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Gabrielle Padilla

Gabrielle Padilla first at Red Earth art competition

Eleven-year-old Chickasaw Gabrielle Padilla, of Ada, Okla., won first place in the jewelry category of the 2011 Red Earth Youth Art Competition. The art contest was June 3-5 during the 25th Annual Red Earth Festival in Oklahoma City. Gabrielle competed in the Division I category for nine- to 12-year-olds. Photo provided.

Gabrielle is the daughter of Fernando Padilla Jr. and Stefani Padilla, of Ada.

Alexander Family Reunion is Aug. 20

10 a.m. - ?
Saturday, August 20, 2011
Chickasaw Nation Community Center, Ada

Bring a covered dish!
For more information please call Haskell Alexander at (580) 332-5304.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Jenny L. Davis

Jenny Davis receives Yale fellowship for language dissertation

Chickasaw citizen Jenny L. Davis was recently honored with the Henry Roe Cloud Dissertation Writing Fellowship at Yale University for her research on language revitalization efforts in the Chickasaw Nation.

Ms. Davis is a student at University of Colorado, Boulder, where she is pursuing a doctorate in linguistics.

The Tulsa native said her interest in the research topic began while working as a summer intern with tribal Division of History and Culture's language department in 2007.

The fellowship, awarded through the Yale Graduate School to Arts and Sciences in conjunction with the Howard R. Lamar Center for the study of Frontiers and Borders at Yale, provides the support of full annual stipend, full access to Yale facilities and her own office space.

Ms. Davis is a descendant of original enrollees James "Cent" and Tandy C. Walker. She is the granddaughter of Ada residents Billy and Barbara Walker. Her parents are Clint and Wendy Davis, of Tulsa.

She received her undergraduate degree in English and Spanish from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater in 2005 and a graduate degree in linguistics from the University of Colorado, Boulder.



Kael Carter

Chickasaw student named to OU Dean's Honor Roll

Kael Carter, a Chickasaw, of Noble, Okla., was named to the University of Oklahoma College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Honor Roll, and the University President's Honor Roll for the spring 2011 semester.

Kael, a junior, earned a 4.0 grade point average (GPA) for the semester.

He is the grandson of Sharon Kilmer, of Helena, Mont., and Charlie and Kay Carter, of Antlers, Okla.

Kael is the son of Larry and TJ Carter of Noble.



Jacob Durant

Chickasaw Scout earns Eagle Scout rank

Jacob David Durant earned the rank of Eagle Scout on April 4.

He is a member of Boy Scout Troup #649, in Durant, Okla.

Jacob is the son of Jerry Durant, of Durant, and Freda Karjeck, of New Braunfels, Texas. He is the grandson of Don and Georgia Durant, of McAlester, Okla.

Jacob plans to attend college at Texas State University.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Chickasaw ballplayers play international set



Michaela Hazlett (l) and Bailey Goldsby.

Two Chickasaw ballplayers recently competed with an American team that played against international teams in

Europe.

Bailey Goldsby and Michaela Hazlett, both of Purcell, Okla., were members of America's

Team, a women's softball team. The team traveled to Italy where it played a series of double headers.

Bailey was a four-year starter on the Purcell High School team and was named All-Conference all four years.

Michaela is a three-year Purcell starter and three-year All-Conference player.

Bailey will play college ball at Seminole (OK) State University, and Michaela will return for her senior year at Purcell.

Both girls play on the traveling team the OK Jitterbugs Gold. Last summer the Jitterbugs won the 132-team Elite Showcase Tournament in Plano, Texas.

Bailey is the daughter of Chris and Angie Goldsby. Michaela is the daughter of Tom and Kymberly Hazlett and the granddaughter of Gloria Factor.

Chickasaw sisters on top of academics



Chickasaw sisters, Emily and Chelsea Burris.

Two Chickasaw sisters have been recognized for their outstanding academic work.

Chelsea Burris, a junior at the University of Arkansas, was recently named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll for the 2011 spring semester.

In order to qualify for the list a student must complete at least 12 hours of class work with no grade lower than an 'A.' Chelsea is a graduate of Eufaula (OK) High School, majoring in International Studies and German. This is her second consecutive semester on the Chancellors Honor Roll.

Emily Burris is a junior at Eufaula High School. She was named to the Superintendent's Honor Roll for the fall and spring semesters.

The Superintendent's Honor Roll is made up exclusively of students with no grades lower than an 'A.' She is ranked first in her class at Eufaula.

Chelsea and Emily are the daughters of Randy and Robyn Burris, of Eufaula and the grandchildren of Claud and Naomi Burris, of Wilson, Okla., and Bob and Twila King, of Eufaula.

Colbert Family Reunion Sept. 9 in Tuscumbia

The Annual Colbert Family Reunion is scheduled for September 9 in Tuscumbia, Alabama.

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 9, attendees can enjoy Oka Kapassa Children's Day. The family will then gather at 6 p.m. at the Church of Christ annex, corner of Fourth and Main Streets in Tuscumbia.

The evening's program will include presentations by Tony L. Turnbow of the Natchez Trace Parkway Association, and Robert G. Thrower, a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

Mr. Turnbow will present "George Colbert Park and the War of 1812;" and Mr. Thrower will present "Tuscumbia Landing and The Walk of Life."

A trolley will be in Tuscumbia's Spring Park at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10. The trolley will transport family to Tuscumbia Landing in Sheffield, Ala., where The Walk of Life begin at 9 a.m.

From 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, the Oka Kapassa Festival is open for General Public Day.

For more information, contact Annie Cooper at (256) 381-0700.



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Egge

Rauter, Egge marry in New Mexico

Samuel B. Egge and Viktoria Rauter exchanged wedding vows July 2, 2011 at Pinos Altos, N.M., with Mario Ogas, brother-in-law of the groom, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Sylvia Rauter, of Strau, Austria and the late Walter Rauter.

The groom is the son of Walter B. and Valla D Jack-Egge, of Hurley, N.M.

Attending the wedding ceremony from the bride's family were her mom Sylvia Rauter; sister, Clara Anna, of Strau, Austria; and the bride's broth-

er, Roman Rauter, of Germany.

Attending the ceremony from the groom's family were his parents, Walter B. and Valla D. Jack-Egge; and the groom's sister, Callie Egge-Ogas and children, of Hanover, N.M. The groom's brother, Walter, sent wishes from Manama, Bahrain.

Mr. Egge is a direct descendant of Sugar Mary (Johnson) Jack, born in Tishomingo (I.T.), Okla., and her son, Walter Jack, born at Dougherty, (I.T.), Okla.

The couple is making their home in New York City.



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jarosz

DeMoss, Jarosz exchange wedding vows

Mike and Karen DeMoss announce the marriage of their daughter to Andrew Jarosz June 25, 2011 at Scottsdale Bible Church, Scottsdale, Ariz.

The matron of honor was Amber's sister, Kristen DeMoss Dearing, and the best man was Andrew's brother, Jason Jarosz.

Amber and Kristen are the

great-nieces of the late Mary Jeannette Reed. Their grandfather, Lymond L Sealy, traces his heritage to Dave Sealy an original enrollee.

The couple honeymooned in St. Thomas and will reside in Scottsdale, where they are both teachers.



Alleysia Lynn Landon

Alleysia Landon tops at Arpoika family reunion

Nineteen-month-old Chickasaw Alleysia Lynn Landon, recently won first place in a best dressed ‘Indian contest’ during the Arpoika family reunion June 25 in Dale, Okla.

She is the daughter of Katherine Landon, of Lexington, Okla., granddaughter of Darrel and Brenda Tannehill, of Lexington, great-granddaughter of the late Josie Thayer and Bill and Carol Tannehill, of Del City, Okla.

Alleysia (Alley) is proud to be an Indian, at least that is the way it looked when she was stomping around in her outfit!

Pride and Joy



Zoe Isabella Moreno

Zoe Isabella Moreno is proud of her Chickasaw and Salvadorian heritage. She is the daughter of Angela (Boyle) Moreno and Martin Moreno, granddaughter of the late Alberta June Adcock, and the great-granddaughter of original enrollees Inez Thompson Adcock and James Adcock.



Elaina Fredrickson

Elaina Fredrickson does well at Special Olympics

STILLWATER, Okla. - The 2011 Special Olympics Summer Games kicked off May 11 in Stillwater. Tulsa police started the first leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run at 6:30 in downtown Tulsa.

The “Flame of Hope” was handed off to Sand Springs police its way to the Summer Games In Stillwater. Opening ceremonies began when the torch arrived.

Elaina “Lainy” Fredrickson, of Norman, was awarded the silver medal in the 25-Meter Walk and the fourth-place ribbon in the Softball Throw.

Lainy qualified after competing in her divisional All City Games, at Norman where she earned a gold medal 25-Meter Walk and the bronze medal in the Softball Throw.

Lainy is the daughter of Chickasaw citizen, Kimberly Fredrickson, of Ada, Okla., and Jacob and Mona Fredrickson, of Norman. She is the granddaughter of A.D. and Nancy Mitchell, of Ada and Bill and Jane Fredrickson, of Alice, Texas. She is also a direct descendant of James Logan Colbert and Thomas Love.

Special Olympics serves 3.4 million athletes, with intellectual disabilities. Established in 1968, the organization provides year round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for children and adults with special needs. Special Olympics encourage physical fitness as well as teaching the participants to demonstrate courage, express joy, and share their gifts, skills and friendship.

Letters to Editor
Thanks for Education Assistance

Dear Lori Hamilton, Director of Education Services, Chickasaw Education Services Staff and the Chickasaw Nation:

My name is David V. Lofton and my daughter’s name is Chelsea Nicole Lofton. We are both tribal members. I am writing you to let you know of my extreme gratitude for what you have done to help me and to allow my daughter to pursue post high school education.

My daughter graduated from Crook County High School in Prineville, Oregon with a 3.45 GPA which allowed her to continue with her education at the secondary level.

We needed financial help for that to happen which the Chickasaw Nation has so generously provided. Again, thank you for your assistance and helpful financial programs.

Due to your extreme generosity and wonderful assistance programs my daughter was able to attend college at Central Oregon Community College (COCC) in Bend, Oregon and graduated this June with an Associate of Arts (AA) Degree in Exercise Science. She completed 125 credits of undergraduate courses (Freshman/Sophomore) with a 3.2 GPA.

Chelsea has taken courses in the languages of German (1 year) French (4 years) and Spanish (1 year) and hopefully the Spanish will come in handy for her immediate plans.

Chelsea is currently planning to travel to Costa Rica and Chile for a six month trip and then a return to college for her bachelors degree. She will be working in Bend and in those countries to finance the trip.

Footnote:

I am descendant of Edward S. Burney (his brother, Benjamin C. Burney was a former Governor of the Chickasaw Nation). The entire Burney family has a rich history within the state of Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation. Burneyville and the Burney Institute were named after family members. I was born in Ardmore, Oklahoma (now 66 years young). Both my parents were born in Love County in Marietta, Oklahoma (both are now deceased). Our Chickasaw heritage is from my Father’s mother’s side of the family. My grandmother was Ada Bess Burney (Lofton).

Again, thank you so very much. You have helped provide a better future for my daughter.

Sincerely,
David V. Lofton

Thanks for Youth Camps



Cousins Samantha Chapman, left, and Chelsea Wedlow hold Zora-Rose Chapman practice a new stance during cheerleading camp.

Chukma!

My name is Zora-Rose Chapman. Chickasha Saya and I am nine years old.

I wanted to thank the Chickasaw Nation and Governor Anotubby for the youth camps I was able to participate in this summer.

Me and my cousins had an awesome time at cheerleading camp! Everyone was so friendly and I got to learn a new cheer and a new dance. It was so funny when the coach laughed so hard he fell out of his chair!

Attached is a new stance my cousins and I learned while we were there. On the left is Samantha Chapman, age 11, on the right is Chelsea Wedlow, age 11, and I am the cutie in the middle!

Yakkookay!

Legislators attend North Texas Council



Chickasaw Nation Legislators from left, Shana Hammond, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Nancy Elliott, Connie Barker, Dean McManus and Beth Alexander visit the North Texas Community Council. North Texas Community Council chairperson John Atkins is also pictured on back row.

North Texas Community Council

We had a hotdog of a time at our picnic at the pavilion along with hamburgers and the trimmings it was a warm (hot) day with a breeze coming through.

We had seven of our Legislators attending with us and meeting the membership.

At our Aug. 27 meeting, we will show the movie “Pearl.” Come join us for a fun time at the Bedford Boys Ranch at 2801 Forest Ridge Dr. Bedford, Texas. Contact John Atkins at (972) 217-0692 or injunjon2@verizon.net if you plan to attend.

Chickasaw Royalty visit New York City, June 28 - July 2



Little Miss Chickasaw, Maegan Carney and her mother, Angie Carney, at the Statue of Liberty.



Chickasaw Royalty prepare to board the subway at Grand Central Station during their farewell trip to New York City. Front row from left, Clarice Culberson, Miss Chickasaw Sesiley Robertson, Little Miss Chickasaw Maegan Carney, Angie Carney. Back row from left, Chickasaw Jr. Princess, Taloa Underwood and Tina Underwood.



Chickasaw Princess Sesiley Robertson and her mother Clarice Culberson in Time Square.



Chickasaw Jr. Princess Taloa Underwood, Little Miss Chickasaw Maegan Carney, and Chickasaw Princess Sesiley Robertson in front on the Mary Poppins advertisement in the theatre district in New York City.



Little Miss Chickasaw Maegan Carney, Chickasaw Jr. Princess Taloa Underwood, and Chickasaw Princess Sesiley Robertson visit with a New York City police officer in Time Square.

NEWS FROM CHICKASAW JR. PRINCESS AND LITTLE MISS CHICKASAW



Taloa Underwood
Chickasaw Jr. Princess

Chukma!
Hope everybody is having a good summer. I know the princesses are having a wonderful year!
This has been a brilliant year, full of great experiences for us all. We have attended many events, met lots of new faces and always have a good time wherever we go.
Our most recent trip was our farewell trip to New York

City. New York was a very interesting place. We got to see many famous sites including the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State building. It was a fascinating visit for me and the other Chickasaw princesses as well as our parents. It's always important to be with family.
I think being a princess is a great opportunity to get involved with the Chickasaw culture. The pageant for Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Junior Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw is closely approaching; I encourage all you young ladies to gather a talent, traditional dress, and a few recommendation letters and enter the pageant. This is an opportunity to be an ambassador for our unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation, as well as be a role model to all younger children.
I would just like to thank everybody who made this program possible.
Yakoke
Chickasaw Jr. Princess
Taloa Underwood



Maegan Carney
Little Miss Chickasaw Princess

Chukma!
Saholchifoat Maegan Carney.
I am having a great time as the 2010-2011 Little Miss Chickasaw. I am 12 years old. My parents are Richard and Angie Carney. I am the granddaughter of Sampson and Mary Underwood, of Sulphur, Okla., and the late Era Mae Carney.
This summer I went to New

York City for the Princess end of the year trip. I had a lot of fun in New York City. We went to a lot of places and I took a lot of pictures. We went to see the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building. We only got to go to the 86th floor but we were able to see a lot of buildings from there. We went at night and the lights and bridges were really great things to see!
My favorite food in New York City was pizza. It was big and greasy.
We rode the tour bus around the city to see a lot of the important places. My favorite place in New York City was Times Square. I liked all of the pretty lights, the signs and the big picture screens on the buildings. It was like watching a big screen TV on the buildings.
We also went to Central Park for the Beyonce concert. We were unable to get into the concert but we were able to see her and hear her sing. The concert area was full and we had to

stand in the park to listen and look for her.
We also went to the Broadway play about Spiderman. That was a lot of fun to watch.
We also went to Yankee Stadium to watch a game. We went to Grand Central Station and rode the subway to the game. That was fun also. I rode a taxi in New York. That was a little scary but fun.
I had a lot of fun with Taloa, Sesily, Mary and our parents in New York City. I was able to see and do a lot of things that I will remember forever.
Yakoke,
Little Miss Chickasaw
Maegan Carney

‘Day of Champions’ Football Camp welcomes over 75 Chickasaw athletes



Coach Josh Heupel makes a point to a few of the younger players at Chickasaw Nation Day of Champions Football Camp, conducted July 7-9 in Ada, Okla.



Coach Ken Heupel, right, gives D'Angelo Dunn, Ada, a few pointers during the annual Chickasaw Nation Day of Champions Football Camp. D'Angelo, a Chickasaw, has attended the camp for the past six years.

ADA, Okla. – Lessons on trust, respect and hard work were interspersed with intense football drills during the annual Chickasaw Nation Day of Champions Football Camp, July 7-9 at the Ada High School Football Complex. More than 75 young Chickasaw athletes attended the Day of Champions camp, led by University of Oklahoma offensive coordinator Josh Heupel, his father Ken Heupel, and a host of outstanding coaches.

Day of Champions Camp, now a world-wide organization, began in Ada after Josh Heupel and his OU Sooners won the NCAA football National Championship in 2000.

“We started this because of the support (Josh) received from the Native American community and we wanted give back,” said Ken Heupel. “We are glad to be back in Ada.”

Josh Heupel, the 2000 Heisman runner-up, and the cadre of coaches worked with the kids for three days, stressing four main principles - discipline, trust, respect and hard work.

“We want to teach them the skill of life, such as looking people in the eye and paying attention,” Josh said. “We try to correlate it to the classroom.”

During the camp, parents are invited to come on the field and hear what the coaches are presenting. With this system, Josh said, the parent, coach and player can all be united.

D'Angelo Dunn, an Ada High School football player, has at-

tended tribal football camp for six years.

“Football Camp helps me prepare for the fall season, keeps me in shape and I learn so much from the coaches,” D'Angelo said. “That’s why I continue to come back year after year.”

Anoli Billy, 9, was the sole girl at camp this year. While she is not a football player, she said she can apply what she learned at the gridiron camp to other sports.

“I also learned, run, don’t walk, while on the field and never sit in the back of the classroom,” Anoli said.

Jordan Purcell, of Ada, attended football camp for the fifth year.

“I like meeting the players (coaches) and I learned proper throwing techniques and that breakfast is the most important meal of the day,” Jordan said.

The camp consists of two days of intense football drills at the Ada High Indoor Football facility, followed by a fun-filled day of “Sooner Ball” and an autograph session. Campers’ parents, older siblings or guardians participate in the final games.

Day of Champions coaches include Justin Iske, Oliver Gibson, Christopher Saeugling-Coke, Hudson Fuller, Ryan Algood, Josh Brewer, Kristopher Heavner, John Nimmo, Earle Mosley, Matt Brandt, Waleed Gaines, Ike Eguae, Gerardo Dominguez and Justin Nolan.

Each coach on the roster has

coaching or playing credentials from major universities, including the University of Oklahoma, Notre Dame, Baylor University and the University of Arizona.

For more information about Chickasaw Youth Camps, visit www.chickasaw.net.

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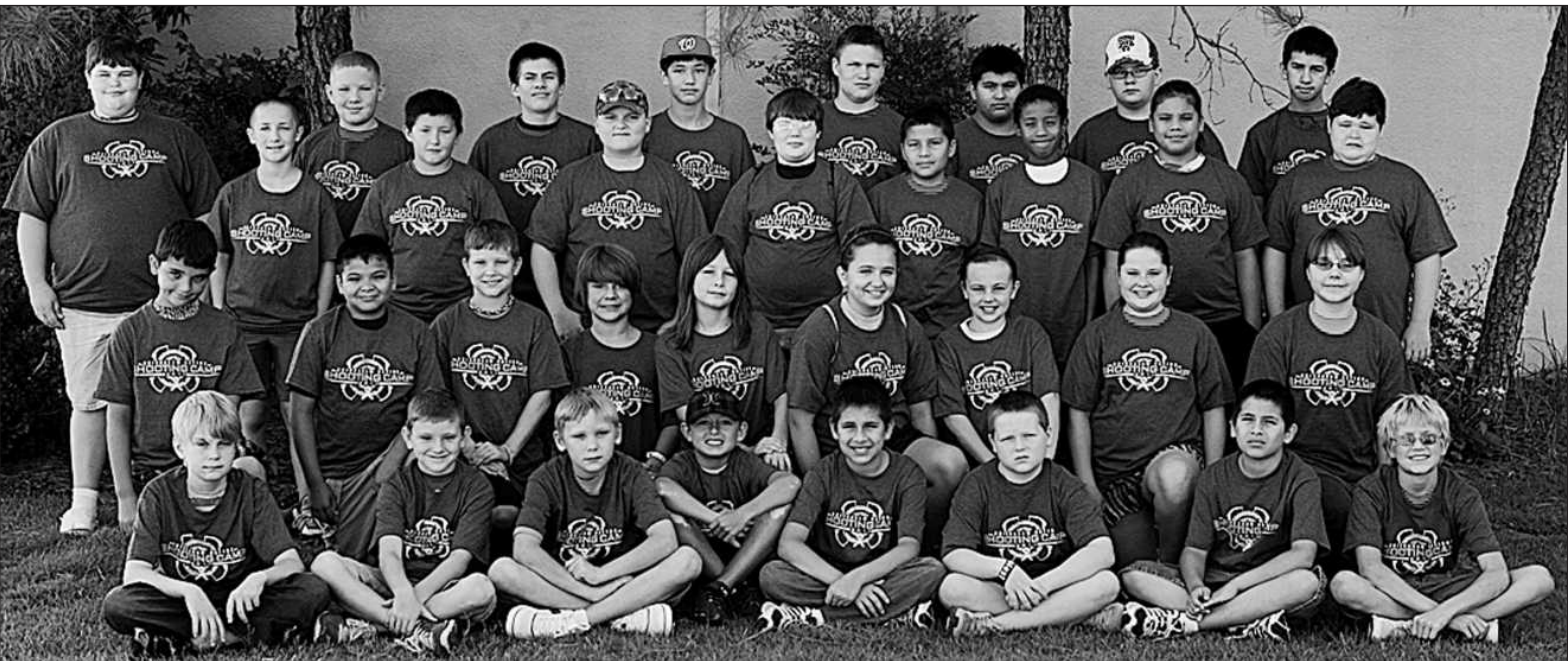
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Chickasaw kids learn safe shooting at Tanumpo Hosa Apisa Camp



Thirty-nine Chickasaw students participated in the annual Tanumpo Hosa Apisa camp (Gun Shoot Straight) conducted June 23-24 in Ada, Okla. These students spent two intense days perfecting their aim with Olympic style rifles and pistols and compound bows.

Mike McKee

Chickasaw youth hit the mark during the annual Tanumpo Hosa Apisa (Gun Shoot Straight) Camp, June 23-24 in Ada.

More than 40 students, ages 10-18, spent two days at the tribal gym and Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department perfecting their aims with Olympic style rifles and pistols, and compound bows.

Led by Lighthorse Police of-

ficers and certified instructors, this unique camp provides students with lessons in gun safety and responsibility, while also learning proper shooting techniques.

Eleven-year-old Samantha Chapman had her first experience with firearms at the camp.

"I learned how to handle a gun safely, and I improved at

archery," she said.

"It was a great experience and a good opportunity to practice with a bow," said Calee Ragsdale. The 11-year-old Ada student won "Most Improved" in her age group.

"I hope I get to come back next year," Calee said.

Most of the days were spent shooting CO2-powered pellet guns from a distance of 10 meters. A partner would spot

the target through binoculars, and help the shooter adjust his shot for accuracy.

The highlight of the day was a marksmanship competition among the campers. Campers competed with rifles and pistols to achieve a combined overall score based on shooting accuracy.

Jace Ryan, 11, a Wynnewood, Okla., sixth grader, can't wait to use the marksmanship

skills he acquired when he hunts deer and turkey this fall.

"I will use what I learned a lot," Jace said. "I knew how to shoot a gun but I had never shot a bow."

Ashton Rawlins, 12, of Stonewall, Okla., just had one comment when asked about camp. "I love marksmanship camp," she exclaimed.

Still other students enjoyed working with Lighthorse Police officers.

"We got to see what they do," said Jayson Morgan.

Eleven-year-old Kaad Gore, of Stratford, Okla., learned how to use correct targets when he shot bows and firearms. He also learned new techniques for shooting a bow from the friendly instructors.

"The instructors were knowledgeable and nice," he said.

At the camp's conclusion, participants tried out their newly-acquired skills with a game of Lazer tag at Lazer Zone.

For more information about youth camps, contact the Chickasaw Nation Department of Youth Services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

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Advanced Tennis Camp builds games of Chickasaw players



More than 50 Chickasaw youth and members of the Boys and Girls Club participated in Chickasaw Nation Advanced Tennis Clinic, conducted June 27-30 in Ada, Okla.

Mike McKee

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw youth took a swing at tennis during Chickasaw Nation Advanced Tennis Clinic, June 27-30 at the Ada Tennis Center.

Students spent four hot summer days learning the game of tennis. Many improved skills and techniques learned at last year's camp.

More than 50 students from

around the area attended the tennis clinic, including more than 20 members of the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club who had the opportunity to attend, thanks to a federal grant.

"I learned a new swing and the backhand," said Caleb Perry, Ada. Caleb attended camp for the second consecutive year

because, "Its fun and I like tennis," said the 13-year-old.

Samantha Chapman, 11, came to tennis camp thanks to her aunt, who helped her apply.

"This is my first tennis camp," she said. "I really wanted to learn tennis. I thought it would be fun."

A small coach-to-player ratio ensured the students received

plenty of individual instruction.

"This is my fourth or fifth year (of tennis camp) and I am still learning new things, thanks to the great coaches," said 13-year-old Brooke Colungo, of Ada.

Lauren Burden, 13, wanted to come to tennis camp to get better so she could play for the

team at Byng school.

Veteran tennis coaches and local student-athletes served as coaches at the clinic, including Joe Griesse, Erica Poe, Kristine Club, Chase Sheffield, Terry Swopes, Matthew Robinson, Skip Griesse and Andrea Gourley.

Coach Skip Greise, a 43-year tennis coaching veteran, said advanced camp built on progress made at beginner tennis camp.

"The students progress and get better at their strokes, so they can compete," he said.

The clinic concluded with "play day" where campers hit tennis balls in an attempt to knock over items such as sports drinks, canisters of socks, tennis grips and hats. Any item knocked over by a camper was theirs to take home.

For more information about Chickasaw Nation Youth programs, log on to www.chickasaw.net.

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Chickasaw culture is focus of kids' Chikasha Saya Camp



Fifty-five young Chickasaw campers and 10 staff members spent three days last month learning about Chickasaw culture, heritage and their planet during Chikasha Saya "I Am Chickasaw" camp, conducted at Camp Goddard near Davis. The group is shown during a day-trip to Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Sulphur.

SULPHUR, Okla. - More than 55 Chickasaw children, ages 10 to 14, learned about their culture and the world around them during the annual Chikasha Saya (I Am Chickasaw) Camp, July 12-14 at Camp Goddard near Sulphur.

Chikasha Saya Camp is an all-encompassing camp that introduces Chickasaw youth to Chickasaw language and heritage and also provides lessons on history, culture, geology and ecology.

During the three-day camp students made traditional crafts, participated in a traditional dance, toured the new

tribal Cultural Center and learned more about the environment.

Nature hikes and water ecology lessons at Chickasaw Nation Recreation Area were on tap the first day of camp.

Following a trail along Traverline creek with a guide, students identified plants, animals, trees and rock formations.

Plenty of summer activities were included in the camp, including swimming and a stick-ball game.

Tanner Smith, 11, said he learned how connected Chick-

asaw people are with the land and water at Chikasha Saya Camp.

"I also learned we need to protect the land," said the Tishomingo student.

Chikasha Saya was 10-year-old Kendra Hatton's first overnight camp.

When asked what she thought about being a Chickasaw citizen, she answered, "It is good to be Chickasaw."

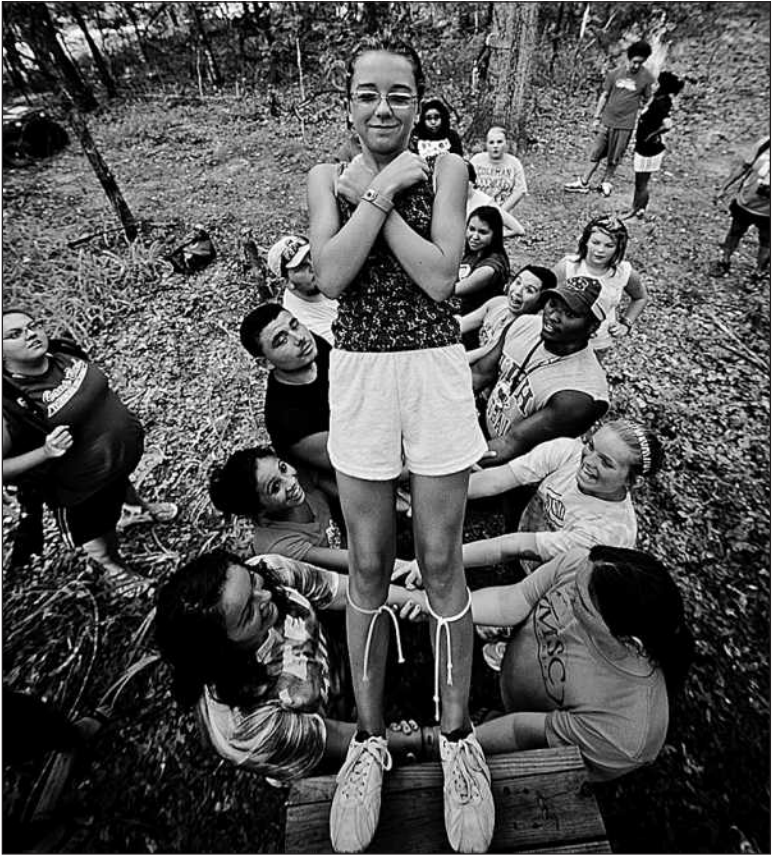
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Chickasaw Nation Science- Technology- Math instructor Beth Alcorn-Benton, front right with cap, leads campers on a wildlife scavenger hunt on the trails of Chickasaw Nation Recreation Area during Chikasha Saya, conducted last month. The camp combines tribal history, culture, geology and ecology curriculum.

Boys & Girls Club kids enjoy experiencing the great outdoors



Peyton Szalaj, a member of the Sulphur Boys and Girls Club , prepares to plunge into the arms of her fellow campers during a team building exercise at Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club Camp, conducted July 7-9 at Camp Bond near Tishomingo, Okla.

Marcy Gray

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - More than 40 members of the Sulphur and Tishomingo Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Clubs recently spent three days in the great outdoors of Camp Bond near Tishomingo.

July 7-9 marked the first time for many, such as 10-year-old Michael Thompson, to overnight camp. The Tishomingo student said he liked all the fun activities such as paintball and just being with his friends.

When asked what he learned at Boys and Girls Club, he answered, "I learned a little bit of Chickasaw."

For all campers, the camp was a reward for a year of good behavior and a reinforcing of healthy life lessons, said Oscar Gore, Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club health and fitness specialist.

"These students are being rewarded for good behavior and for participating in many volunteer projects," he said. "The camp is also a way to instill healthy habits such as physi-

cal fitness and good nutrition."

Students spent three days swimming, playing "human foosball", paintball, tennis, volleyball and making crafts. A hayride and s'mores around the campfire closed out the last evening of camp.

As 10-year-old twin brothers Dakota and Austin Wyatt tossed a football the first day of camp, they both described how much they enjoyed the camp and participating in Boys and Girls Club. Austin said he liked the Boys and Girls Club staff members, who teach him something new when he attends the club after school and during the summer.

The boys have been attending the Sulphur club for more than two years and enjoyed learning martial arts and nutrition.

"I have learned how to eat healthy," said Dakota.

When temperatures inched near the 109-degree mark at camp, campers flocked to the "zip line" hanging over historic

Pennington Creek and plunged into cold water. The zip line was named a favorite activity by most of the 41 campers.

Peyton Szalaj, a six-year member of the Sulphur Boys and Girls Club, said she loved the friends she hadmade at the club and has enjoyed the activities.

During the year, members demonstrated a variety of kind acts such as planting flowers at area nursing homes and senior centers.

Peyton learned, "helping people is good for us."

Thirteen-year-old Lizzy Stewart, of Sulphur, took time from volunteering three days a week at an Ardmore Domestic Violence Shelter to attend camp. She was inspired to help from volunteering with the Boys and Girls Club, she said.

For more information about Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club, visit www.chickasaw.net

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College players, coaches teach basketball skills to Chickasaw kids

More than 130 Chickasaw youth dribbled and passed their way to better basketball skills area during the annual Chickasaw Nation Basketball Clinic, conducted at Ada and Lone Grove, Okla., July 14-16.

Coached by some of the top players from state universities, the clinic gave budding basketball players a solid foundation in fundamentals, while also emphasizing the importance of good character.

David Page, head coach at Pawnee (OK) High School, was the boys' camp director. The camp, he said, was a "win-win" for both coaches and students.

"We love sharing our love for the game and it has a lot of

benefits for the kids," Coach Page said. "(The clinic) gives them something to do and they make friendships with kids from other communities. We also talk about doing the right things and learning to act right. So hopefully they learn a little bit about life and a little bit about basketball."

Five current and former athletes from the University of Oklahoma basketball teams, including Cade Davis, Barry Honore, Ashley Paris, Jazmine Hartman and Jelina Cerina and current Oklahoma State University point guard Keiton Page served as coaches and mentors for the clinic.

Also lending a hand were

coaches Ken Frantz, East Central University; Jeff Malloy, Ada; Amy Lampkin, Washington, Okla.; Kenny Riddley and Traci Massey, Lone Grove; Kristy Jennings, Stonewall, Okla.; and Rita -Schell Story, Seminole, Okla.

Coach Page said both Cade Davis and Keiton Page were "two kids from small Oklahoma towns" who could inspire and relate to the students. Davis is from Elk City and Page grew up in Pawnee.

"(The basketball players) give the kids someone to look up to and it gives them the opportunity to see that they might be successful someday, as well."

Davis, who recently signed a deal to play pro basketball in Macedonia, said he enjoyed coaching camps. "It's a joy to come down here and teach the kids a few things," he said. "Not only about the game of basketball but about life."

Honore, a junior OU forward, said coaching young players was "a blessing."

"I always wanted to be somebody someone could look up to - a role model - so I really enjoy being a positive role model," he said. "They look at me and say 'if Coach Barry can play basketball, I can too.'"

OSU's Keiton Page agreed.

"I enjoy it teaching the skills we learned when we were younger and meeting the kids," he said.

During the three-day clinic players were coached in dribbling, shooting, rebounding, passing and defensive techniques. Two separate clinics were conducted for boys and girls, in Ada and Lone Grove, to give more Chickasaw students an opportunity to participate.

When asked why they wanted to attend basketball camp, many students answered with a resounding "because it's



Former OU basketball standout Cade Davis works with a student at Chickasaw Nation Basketball Camp, conducted July 14-16 in Ada, Okla.

Mike McKee



Jaylee Jennings, Davis, practices dribbling at Chickasaw Nation Basketball Camp, conducted in Lone Grove, Okla., July 14-15, 2011.

fun!"

Twelve-year-old Colton Kuykendall, of Ada, attended camp "to learn how to shoot better and get my dribbling better." Colton plays basketball on his school's team and he "just wants to be better at basketball."

The coaches, he said, are "really cool."

Eric Easley-Wade, of Ada, said he attended camp because, "I like basketball. I like to play and I want to get better."

Practicing lay ups and free throws were 10-year-old Deland Cobb's favorite part of basketball clinic.

Eight-year-old Piper Adair, of Ada, learned to improve her dribble at the girl's clinic. Her sister, 14-year-old Nakiah, wanted to attend for the second consecutive year because, "It's fun and it is awesome!"

During a question-and-answer session on the last day of camp, the women players encouraged the girls to study

hard in school, work hard and always practice. Being a success on an off the court was stressed.

To be successful, said Ashley Paris, academics must come first.

Paris, at Chickasaw Nation Basketball Clinic for the second time, answered questions about playing basketball professionally and Jelina Cerina fielded questions about her native home, Serbia.

When asked her favorite part of the game Jazmine Hartman, also making a second appearance at tribal basketball clinic answered, "winning!"

Both camps culminated with an autograph and fan photo session Friday and a scrimmage Saturday. Students took home a basketball and a camp T-shirt.

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Cheerleading Camp a popular pick among Chickasaw girls



From left, Peyton West and Josie Morgan enjoy themselves at the second annual Chickasaw Nation Cheerleading Camp.



Participants gather photo a group photo during the second annual Chickasaw Nation Cheerleading Camp.

Marcy Gray

More than 40 Chickasaw girls, ages eight to 14, participated in the second annual Chickasaw Nation Cheerleading Camp last month at the Family Life Center in Ada, Okla. The two-day camp is “more than just cheers and stunts,” said camp coordinator Dawn Heupel. Mrs. Heupel led a squad of current and former cheer coaches. “We are trying to teach cheer in the athletic way,” she said. The camp’s first day included lessons on core development, individual skills, strength training, rhythm, balance and more.

The second day consisted of practicing the cheers and a final performance by the group at the Chickasaw Nation Day of Champions Football Camp. New this year was the fantasy day, where students and their parents got an opportunity to cheer with each other. “It’s a good bonding experience,” Mrs. Heupel said. “We have just seen an elevated level of focus and discipline, which just tells me that they were trying to impress their parents.” Though Christy Frazier couldn’t cheer with her 10-year-old daughter Abriana due to work, she said she had a lot of fun watching her practice

later. Mrs. Frazier also said she didn’t mind driving two hours to get to Ada from Hitchita, Okla. because “the camp is an excellent opportunity for her (Abriana).” “This is her thing,” Mrs. Frazier said. “She loves dancing and cheering.” Abriana said the camp is “really fun and I love all the moves.” The cheerleading camp is offered by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services. CONTRIBUTED BY Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

Court Camp appeals to aspiring attorneys

More than 40 Chickasaw students participated in the annual Chickasaw Nation Court Camp, July 5-7 in Ada, Okla. The three-day camp, offered by the Chickasaw Nation Justice Department, educates students on the operations of the tribal court systems. Thirteen-year-old Brooke Colungo said she came to the camp because she wanted to be a lawyer. “My mom signed me up on it,” Brooke said. “She thought I would really like it because I have been talking about becoming a lawyer when I grow up. I am glad I came because I learned a lot.” The camp provided a variety of unique experiences, including a visit to the Pontotoc County Jail and the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) Training Center in Ada. Though the jail tour was “scary,” Brooke said, it was the most interesting experience at the camp.



From left, Ada residents Lauren Burden, 12, and Brooke Colungo, 13, at the annual Chickasaw Nation Court Camp. Photo by Addison Manning.

“I learned that I do not want to go there,” she said. Students also learned several legal terms as well as the responsibilities of a Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse police officer, court bailiff and probation officer. In addition, students participated in a mock trial, where they had the opportunity to play jurors and decide the outcome of a case. Chickasaw history and culture were also important aspects of the camp with tours of the Chickasaw Nation Capitol

building in Tishomingo, Okla. and Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla. At the Cultural Center, students were also provided with a lesson on the use of the traditional Chickasaw Nation methods of peace-making to resolve disputes and

heal relationships. For more information about the camp, please visit www.chickasaw.net of contact Connie Tillery at (580) 235-0281 or Connie.Tillery@Chickasaw.net. CONTRIBUTED BY Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

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June 2011 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Kory Cunningham
Kory, son of Danny and Karen Cunningham, of Horatio, Ark., is a June 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.



Kory is in the third grade at Cunningham Horatio Elementary School and was nominated by third grade teacher Liz Athey. "Kory has maintained all A's for his third grade year," said Ms. Athey. "He has received nine awards for his hard work in academics."

Kory enjoys spending time with his family and friends. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and camping. Kory is excited about school and likes to learn about military history.

"My future plans include joining the army and continuing to make good grades in school," said Kory.

Hannah Turney
Hanna, daughter of Charles and Tammera Turney, of Midwest City, Okla., is a June 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.



Hannah Turney

Hannah is in the third grade at Westfall Elementary School and was nominated by third grade teacher Tiffany McMillan.

"Hannah received a medal for exercising excellent life principles all year," said Ms. McMillan. "These life principles include honesty, integrity, perseverance and patience."

Hannah excels in her studies. She was on the Superintendent Honor Roll for maintaining straight A's all year. Hannah has also received recognition for her hard work by being named Student of the Month for exhibiting perseverance and has won an award for reading 25 books.

Hannah's hobbies include cooking, art projects and reading.

"I enjoy tutoring my friends, so I think I would like to be a teacher when grow up," said Hannah.

Lydia Buckout
Lydia, daughter of Sean and

JuRita Buckout, of Corvallis, Ore., is a June 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Music.



Lydia Buckout

Lydia is in a third grade home-school program. She was nominated by her friend and piano teacher, Janessa Thorn.

"Lydia is committed to piano and my top student," said Ms. Thorn. "Respectful and a joy to be with, Lydia learns quickly and pushes herself with new challenges that further her musical ability."

Lydia's hobbies include piano, swimming and baking. She has received four piano awards and can bake numerous dishes.

"Someday I would like to have a bakery, because I like to bake all kinds of treats like cookie bars and my favorite, chocolate chip cookies," said Lydia.

Samuel Daniel
Samuel, son of John and Cindy Daniel, of Coalgate, Okla., is a June 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.



Samuel Daniel

Samuel is in the fourth grade at Cottonwood Public School and was nominated by fourth grade teacher Renay Foreman.

"Samuel is an outstanding student," said Ms. Foreman. "He has a positive attitude with outstanding leadership qualities. Samuel is a role model and is a good influence to all his peers."

Samuel's hobbies include fishing, reading, swimming, baseball, basketball, riding his go-cart and hunting. Samuel enjoys all his subjects at school; he earned A's throughout the academic year.

"When I get old enough, I will be going to college," said Samuel.

Breeanna Dougherty
Breeanna, daughter of Brian and Amber Dougherty, of Cement, Okla., is a June 2011 recipient



Breeanna Dougherty

of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Breeanna is in the second grade at Cement Public Schools and was nominated by her elementary principal Barbara Stroud.

"Breeanna is an above average student," said Principal Stroud. "She was selected as the top reader in her second grade class, is on the Superintendents Honor Roll and is a member of the Gold Dollar Club for completing 100 math objectives."

Breeanna hobbies include fishing, cooking, drawing, painting and crafts. She enjoys reading. She reads at a fifth grade level and has read more than 200 books.

"Next year, my goal is to make all A's in school," said Breeanna. "When I grow up, I would like to be a chef."

Amberly Burgess
Amberly, daughter of Shane and Shawna Tatum and Tyrone Burgess, of Ada, Okla., is a June 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.



Amberly Burgess

Amberly is in the fifth grade at Byng Elementary School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Stephanie Delfrate.

"Amberly is trusted by her peers and her attitude and influence on others is much appreciated," said Ms. Delfrate.

Amberly's hobbies include basketball and playing piano. At school, Amberly participates in track and field, music and Byng Elementary Native Voices Club. She has won several trophies and medals in these areas.

"In the future, I hope to continue to spend time with my friends in school activities," said Amberly.

Devon Chapman
Devon, son of Tashina Chapman, of Ada, Okla., is a June 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Chickasaw Language.



Devon Chapman

Devon is in the fifth grade at Byng

Elementary School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Stephanie Delfrate.

"Devon is a tremendous student and an asset to the Byng School System," said Ms. Delfrate. "He is a pleasure to be around and an ideal student."

Devon's hobbies are skateboarding and building clubhouses. He participates in many school activities. These include track and field, basketball and Byng Elementary Native Voices Club. Recently, Devon has participated in the 2011 University of Oklahoma Language Fair.

"My future plan is to become a professional football player," said Devon.

Emily Owen
Emily, daughter of Karen Owen, of Bangs, Texas, is a June 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding



Emily Owen

Achievement Award for Overall Achievement.

Emily is a sophomore at Bangs High School and was nominated by her history teacher Rex Beck.

"Whether it's academically or athletically related, Emily has taken it upon herself to pursue and obtain success," said Mr. Beck. "At the same time, Emily encourages and helps her classmates and teammates."

Emily's hobbies are softball, basketball and cooking. She is a member of the National Honor Society, ranking in the top 10 percent of her class. Active in her community and school, she is on both the basketball and softball teams.

"Going into my junior year of high school, I have been giving a lot of thought about my future," said Emily. "I want to attend a four-year university and major in the medical field."

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Division of Education fall scholarship and grant applications due September 1

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education fall scholarship and grant application deadline is approaching soon. Completed applications are due to the higher education department September 1.

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education department offers scholarships and grants for full-time and part-time undergraduate, graduate or doctoral Chickasaw students. The scholarships and grants are intended to assist students by providing funding for tuition, fees and books for those students pursuing a degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

Students must submit completed applications by the deadline indicated in order to be considered. Only completed applications received by the Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Department will be reviewed.

Scholarships and grants are available to all Chickasaw students living within or outside Chickasaw Nation boundaries. Students must be Chickasaw and possess a Chickasaw citizenship card. Eligibility requirements vary depending on the type of scholarship or grant.

For more information and to obtain required scholarship and grant applications, contact the higher education department at (580) 421-7711, deborah.hook@chickasaw.net or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

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Chickasaw Foundation issues call for artwork for annual Foundation Art Auction November 18

The Chickasaw Foundation is currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for its art auction to be held during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 18, 2011. This reception is held annually to recognize our donors and volunteers.

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the Foundation and its scholarship program. The Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship was established through

proceeds from the art auction. This scholarship is for any college student with a certificate of degree of Indian blood card majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance). If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

Chickasaw Foundation Receives ZOO FUNd for Kids Grant

The Chickasaw Foundation recently received a \$1,205 grant from the Oklahoma Zoological Society for a ZOO FUNd for Kids Grant to benefit the Chickasaw Nation Head Start students.

This grant will fund the Zoomobile to travel to the Chickasaw Nation Head Start centers to provide up to eleven programs.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound numbers 125 summer students

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program began its summer session at Murray State College with 125 students.

Students enrolled in this program are from schools located within the Chickasaw Nation service area. The objective of the program is to prepare and encourage academic success and preparedness for post-secondary education.

The goal of the six-week summer program is to implement a schedule of classes and activities that are similar to that of a college student. The students reside on campus and attend classes each day. Subjects studied included zoology, biology, chemistry, physics, Spanish, literature, composi-

tion, computers, academic and life skills, algebra I and II, calculus, trigonometry, geometry and U.S. history.

This summer the program was as fun as it was challenging. Students not only attended daily classes, but took part in outdoor activities and team building games. The students enjoyed educational trips to the Ft. Worth Zoo, University of Central Oklahoma Forensic Science Department, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, Chickasaw Cultural Center and the Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

Students participated in “All Sports Day” at Southwestern Oklahoma State University to compete against other Upward

Bound programs statewide in athletic competition. Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound took second place in the overall competition.

Many Upward Bound students and staff would say that the summer experience is not only challenging and fun, but mostly memorable. While the students will take with them an experience that prepares them for the next step of life’s journey, they also take with them valuable friendships and a sense of community.

This summer was a success and Upward Bound looks forward to the next group of students with a passion and motivation to continue to move onward and upward.



Tracie Carter, Chickasaw Foundation; Thalia Miller, Chickasaw Nation Horticultural director; and David Correll, greenhouse supervisor, display the seeds received on a recent grant.

Chickasaw Foundation Receives Grant

The Chickasaw Foundation received a grant from the America the Beautiful Fund, located in Washington, D.C., for free seeds. The grant will be utilized by the Chickasaw Nation Community Garden program to better our world through gardening.

This program is active with the Chickasaw Nation seniors, needy Chickasaw citizens, local

community and school groups and other Native American citizens.

Their goal is to promote the benefits of vegetable and flower growing. Educational tours are given throughout the year at the horticultural site to show each person can make a positive impact on nature by being a good steward of the earth.

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Achille Area Chickasaws
Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

ADA
Child Support Awareness “I Love My Child” Family Fun Day
August 20 at Wintersmith Park from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Gwen Post oak (580) 310-6620

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Billy Hester, 405-340-5469

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
John Hobbs, 405-922-3926

SULPHUR
Elders’ Day
August 12 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Chickasaw Na-
tion Cultural Center
Terri Haney (580) 332-8685

TISHOMINGO
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

Native American Film Series
July 8, 22, 29 and August 5 from 1-3 p.m.
Council House Museum, (580) 371-3351

ARIZONA
Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA
*Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Commu-
nity Council*
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly, 2nd Saturday
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

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Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-393-0696

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Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

MISSOURI
St. Louis Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW ENGLAND
New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW MEXICO
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly , 3rd Saturday
Chris Rodke, 505-450-4802

NORTH CAROLINA
Raleigh Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually

Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

OREGON/WASHINGTON
Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919 or 512-517-4404

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Mark Fields, 210-269-2619

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

Tyler Area Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Howard Thompson, 903-570-9244

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Medical Center planning team among those honored

Tribal Division of Health earns national, regional awards



Several Chickasaw Nation Division of Health employees were recognized for their exceptional service during the eighth annual Oklahoma City Area Director’s Indian Health Service, Tribal and Urban Awards Ceremony July 21. Front row (seated) from left, Valerie McDonald, Bill Shephard, Kerri Christian, John C. Joines, Elaine Fennell, Vernon Buck, Gail Glase, Larry E. Wood, William T. Schultz and Debbie Jackson. Back row from left, Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, tribal Division of Health Administrator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, John Wootten, Richard Roland, Michael Wafford, Martin Wright, James Ludlow, Drue Martin, Chris Tharp, Paul Elliott, Crishan Cooley and Kerri Christian. Not pictured are: Shirley Jones, Willie Spann, Glenda Huffman, Dr. Richard McClain, Sammy Wilson, Bill Brooks and Ricky Ellis.

A Chickasaw Nation Division of Health team, led by tribal Health Planning director Chris Tharp, recently received a National Indian Health Service Director’s Award for overseeing the completion of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

The 11-member health planning project team also received an Oklahoma City Area Director’s Exceptional Group Performance award during the July 21 award ceremony at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

“This team did an exceptional job coordinating all the different entities involved in the various phases of this project,” Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. “While they faced a number of issues preparing to open the facility, they pulled together as a team to deal with those challenges and the medical center began serving patients right on

schedule.”

The team was responsible for overseeing the planning, construction, equipping and completion of the Medical Center, the first hospital joint venture project between a Native American tribe and the U.S. Indian Health Service. The Medical Center opened its doors August 2010, after seven and one-half years of planning and construction and provides top-notch health care to Chickasaws and other Native Americans.

Team members are: Chris Tharp, director of Health Planning and equipment planner; Bill Brooks, project manager; Richard Roland, quality assurance inspector; Michael Wafford, quality assurance inspector; Crishan Cooley, administrative assistant; Drue Martin, furniture and equipment planner; Ricky Ellis, maintenance; Sammy Wilson, maintenance;

James Ludlow, maintenance; Martin Wright, maintenance and Paul Elliott, maintenance.

Several other health employees were also honored during the ceremony for their exceptional contributions.

Debbie Jackson, customer relations director for the Medical Center, was honored with the Excellence in Customer Service Award. Mrs. Jackson has served in the position for 16 years. She effectively communicates with, patients, visitors, employees and vendors to ensure satisfaction. She also tracks customer service results and supervises the hospital gift shop, volunteer auxiliary, front desk operations and chaplain services.

Dr. Richard McClain, Jr., received the IHS Merit Award. He has served as chief of obstetrics and gynecology at the Medical Center for eight years and has served as chief of sur-

gical services for four years. He provides direct patient care, supervises other health care providers and promotes overall excellent care.

Winners of the Peer Recognition Awards were Kerri Christian, John C. Joines, Valerie McDonald, Bill Shephard and John Wootten.

Ms. Christian, outpatient coder for the Purcell Health Clinic since 2005, displays outstanding performance in assuring timely coding for billing as well as assisted in development and implementation of a daily error list to as-

sist nurse manager in reducing errors and deficiencies.

Mr. Joines is the pharmacy supervisor at the Durant Health Clinic. He motivates his department by exhibiting professionalism and a positive attitude while increasing productivity and reducing wait time for patients.

Ms. McDonald has been serving as the nurse manager at the Ardmore Health Clinic for the last nine months. She is passionate about helping patients and is true example of a team player.

Mr. Shephard has served as the radiologic technologist in the Imaging Services Department at the Tishomingo Health Clinic for 22 years. He has worked hard to streamline processes and to improve the efficiency of his department.

Mr. Wootten is the systems administration manager for information technology at the Medical Center. He works hard to ensure that the tribe has a well-run and maintained health IT department.

Awards were also presented to employees exhibiting long standing service to IHS, tribal and urban clinics.

Glenda Huffman, William T. Schultz and Larry E. Wood received the 35-year service awards.

Vernon Buck, Elaine Fennell, Gail Glase, Shirley Jones and Willie Spann were recognized for their 30-year service.

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Health At-Large case manager will assist

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on division of health programs and services available to you?

If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

Professional Opportunities with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health

Due to the expansion at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Oklahoma, the Division of Health has professional openings at the hospital in the following specialties:

- Outpatient Internal Medicine Physician
- Family Practice Physician
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Physician Assistant

For details on any of these professional positions, please contact:

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Tribal WIC initiative achieves positive behavior changes

The Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) is a leader in the WIC community.

An innovative research project initiated by Chickasaw Nation WIC has led to several positive outcomes in the life of Chickasaw families and other WIC participants.

The Chickasaw Nation WIC Power of Influence Demonstration project was the first in the nation to apply science-based influence tools in the public health setting. Some of the positive outcomes from this year-long research included:

- 20 percent increase in breastfeeding rate among participants.
- 16 percent increase in the number of mothers who felt welcome at the Chickasaw Nation WIC Clinics.
- 10 percent increase in the number of mothers who felt they were receiving up-to-date information.

In addition, the project also led to 81 percent increase in job satisfaction among the Chickasaw Nation WIC staff.

Launched in December 2009, the project sought to learn how Chickasaw Nation WIC staff could positively influence behavior changes among WIC participants. Three participant behaviors – breastfeeding initiation, delayed introduction of cereal and other solid food in baby’s life, and weaning toddlers from the bottle by a year – were chosen for the study.

The WIC staff, trained on Robert Caildini’s six principles of influence – reciprocity, liking, consensus, commitment, authority and scarcity, employed more than 30 simple changes in their daily WIC routine.

“I think our staff just realized the responsibility they had,” said Connie Merriman, Chickasaw Nation WIC nutrition education program manager. “They also realized the value in what they can offer to people.”

An example of the changes included “I choose to breastfeed” boards at WIC waiting rooms. The large boards featured photos of mothers who planned to breastfeed, in turn

inspiring other women to initiate breastfeeding.

The change was based on the influence principle of consensus, which says that when people are unsure of what action to take, they often look to others like themselves for guidance, according to Ms. Merriman.

The WIC staff also participated in “stand up” meetings, where they shared success stories, affirmed efforts and discussed challenges with the goal of better serving the WIC participants.

Other changes included moving away from the sterile clinical environment by incorporating peaceful and earth-tone colors at the WIC clinics and having face-to-face table meetings with WIC participants instead of the staff sitting behind a desk and computer, etc.

The pioneering project was funded by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Southwest Regional Office and was adopted as the project of the year in the region during the Regional WIC Director’s meeting in August 2010 in Dallas,

Texas. The Chickasaw Nation WIC team shared the project at 21 WIC clinics in the Dallas county area in Texas, positively

influencing more than 100,000 families in the area.

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About Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)

The Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) is a program funded by the United States Department of Agriculture. It provides nutrition education as well as a supplemental food package for the proper development of growing children from the prenatal period up to age five. A WIC food package includes milk, cheese, fruit juice, eggs, cere-

al, whole grains, canned fish, peanut butter, beans/peas as well as fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables. Chickasaw Nation WIC clinics are located in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Duncan and the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada. For more information, please call (580) 436-7255 or toll free number 1-888-436-7255.

Chickasaw Nation to host suicide awareness walks in Ada and Ardmore

The Chickasaw Nation is hosting suicide awareness walks in memory of those who have died by suicide.

The Ada “Love Lives On” suicide survivor walk will take place 9 a.m. – noon, Saturday Aug. 27 at Julianna Park located on Main Street. Deadline to register for the walk is 5 p.m. Aug. 12.

The Ardmore walk will take place 5 – 8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 6. Location for the Ardmore walk will be announced later. Deadline to register for the walk is 5 p.m., Aug. 30.

The walks strive to increase awareness about suicide as a public health issue as well as offer hope to the individuals and families affected by suicide.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 34,000 people die by suicide nationwide every

year.

Registered participants will receive t-shirt, bracelet and a remembrance candle. Snacks and water will also be provided.

The walks will also feature information booths. Organizations and tribal departments interested in having their booths at the walks may contact Trisha Swift at 580-421-4591 or Trisha.Swift@Chickasaw.net. Booth registration deadlines are same as participation registration deadlines.

The events are organized by the tribal Division of Health Meth/Suicide Prevention Initiative and Behavioral Health Department.

To register for the events or to learn more, please contact Trisha Swift at 580-421-4591 or Trisha.Swift@Chickasaw.net

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Tribal Medical Center initiative seeks full-term babies

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center has joined a new statewide collaborative initiative to improve the health and well-being of newborns.

The “Every Week Counts” program urges expectant mothers and their physicians to work together to complete at least 39 weeks of pregnancy for reduced infant mortality.

An obstetric team from the medical center is participating in a series of learning sessions along with other hospital team members from around the state. The mission of the sessions is to improve care and outcomes for appropriate scheduling of inductions and caesarean births.

Early elective inductions and early scheduled caesarean births in women who have not completed 39 weeks of pregnancy are known to contribute to health problems in newborns. Problems include low birth weight, feeding and breathing complications, according to the program.

Oklahoma ranks 46th in the nation for its infant mortality rate of 8.5 deaths per 1,000 births.

“Improving practices collaboratively in this way has proven to be an effective way to bring about improvement,” said medical center Obstetrics Unit manager Lisa Eddings, RN. “CNMC is committed to doing our part to improve infant outcomes in our region. Future parents also have a role in edu-

cating themselves to the risks of early scheduled deliveries.”

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center is located at 1921 Stonecipher Blvd. in Ada, Okla. For more information about the medical center, please visit www.chickasaw.net or call (580) 436-3980 or (800) 851-9136.

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About Every Week Counts

About Every Week Counts:

The “Every Week Counts” collaborative brings together teams from more than 50 hospitals in Oklahoma, under the leadership of the March of Dimes Oklahoma Chapter, the Oklahoma Hospital Association, the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Office of Perinatal Quality Improvement to

help ensure elective deliveries are not scheduled early unless a medical reason exists. The initiative utilizes the March of Dimes’ “Elimination of Non-Medically Indicated (Elective) Deliveries before 39 Weeks Gestational Age” toolkit that includes best practice articles and protocol tools to educate and train obstetric teams. For more information, please visit www.oumedicine.com/opqi.

“Administrator’s Challenge” Blood Drive

The Chickasaw Nation and Oklahoma Blood Institute will co-host the “Administrator’s Challenge” blood drive 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18 at the former Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, 1001 North Country Club Road in Ada, Okla.

The blood drive will benefit Tyler “Tyman” Merriman, who is currently undergoing cancer treatment. Tyler is the son of Connie Merriman, a Chickasaw

Nation Nutrition Services employee.

All blood donors will receive a voucher for two tickets to the Oklahoma City Zoo, a “Feel Strong” t-shirt, and free health screenings. Participants will also be entered in gift baskets drawings.

Appointments are available. For more information or to make an appointment, contact OBI at 1-(877)-340-8777 or visit www.obl.org.

Ralph Randle Darter



Ralph Randle Darter, 78, of Duncan, Okla., died July 4, 2011 at the Lawton/Fort Sill Veterans Center, with his wife Jo Ann and his children with him.

Funeral services were July 7, at Patterson Ave. Baptist Church, Comanche, Okla., with Rev. Billy Morgan and Rev. Earl Perry officiating. Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Duncan.

Mr. Darter was born April 22, 1933 at Ardmore, Okla., to A. C. and Matilda Darter.

His family moved to Duncan when he was five. He went to Lee Grade School and then onto graduate from Duncan High School in 1951. He went to work in the oil field for Morris Hamilton Drilling Company in Houston, from 1951 to 1953.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army April 14, 1953 and served in the Korean War in the 20th Trans. Tank Company. He was discharged April 13, 1955 and completed his military service in the U.S. Army Reserve for six more years.

When he returned from overseas, he wanted to farm, a love passed down to him by his father. He bought a farm outside Duncan and worked more than seven years at Sunray Oil Co. and refinery to pay for it. While employed there, he played on the basketball and baseball teams for several years.

He met the love of his life, Jo Ann Cox, in 1956. They were married May 26, 1956 in Wichita Falls, Texas and settled in Duncan for the rest of their time together.

After his father died, he took on the additional responsibilities of his dad's farm. After scoring very high on a computer test at a bank the vice president at the bank offered him

a job as a nighttime computer operator in 1967. He was later promoted to the agriculture loan officer and then to vice president of Security National Bank of agriculture loans. He continued to work after the bank changed to AmQuest and retired in March 1996.

After retirement, the Darters traveled all over the U.S., going to car swap meets. They were able to travel for three years until his Parkinson's disease made it hard to travel. They settled into life on the farm and lived east of Duncan until moving to town in June 2008. Mr. Darter moved to the VA Center in late August 2009 where all of the staff came to love him like family. The staff there was very loving and kind to him and loved to hear all of his "taking care of the cows" stories. He spent his extra time volunteering for church activities and participating in agriculture related functions. A deacon of 20 years and a Sunday School teacher, he didn't put anything before church.

He was a member of Stephens County Fair Board, Stephens County Agriculture Committee, Rural Development Advisory Council, OSU District Program Planning Advisory Council, and chairman of the Stephens County Bonus Auction Committee at the Livestock Show. He was an organizer and past chairman of the Rural Water District No. 5 and served over 10 years on the board. He was a past board member of the OBA Agriculture Committee. In addition, he was a honorary FFA chapter farmer for every chapter in Stephens County and a honorary Stephens County 4-H member.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother; a brother, A. C. Darter; and sisters, Novaleen Grooms and Wanda Brown.

He is survived by his wife of the home, Jo Ann; son Steve Darter and wife, Jackie, of Velma, Okla.; daughters Lisa Presgrove and husband, Terry, of Duncan; and Jo Renae Johnson and husband, Rick, of Duncan; grandchildren Kyle Kelly, Sara Darter Zellner, and Cristina Johnson Foster and husband Jason, all of Duncan, Ashley Kelly Hughes and husband, Nick, of Edmond, Okla., Rachael Darter Phillippi and husband, Leon, of Glenpool, Okla., DeDe Johnson Parks and husband, Justin, of Duncan, and

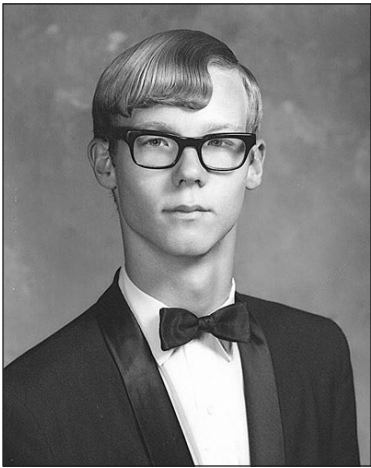
John Darter, of Velma; great-grandchildren Abby Kelly, Zoey Zellner, Blayden, Kaylee, and Allie Foster, Rhett, Bree, and Chase Hughes, Heath Phillippi, and Emaleigh and Raylen Parks.

Pallbearers were Kyle Kelly, John Darter, Jason Foster, Justin Parks, Leon Phillippi and Nick Hughes.

He will be missed by everybody whoever met him as a true gentleman and a good Christian man.

Online condolences may be made to the family at: www.granthamfuneralhomes.com.

Robert (Bob) Samuel Green



Robert (Bob) Samuel Green, 57, of Lawton, Okla., died June 20, 2011 at Arlington, Texas. Services were July 9 at Whinery-Huddleston Chapel with Pastor David Menge of Western Hills Christian Church officiating.

He was born on September 2, 1953 in Yokohoma, Japan to Clifton and Anna Marie (Wells) Green. He was raised in Lawton, and was a graduate of Eisenhower High School, class of 1971.

He was an old soul who should have been born a hundred years earlier. He always had entertaining stories to share and loved old western movies and books. He was very proud of his Indian heritage and read everything he could get his hands on about the Chickasaw Nation history.

Mr. Green loved his family dearly, as well as his four-legged son, Blue. His favorite past times were fishing and hunting. He also enjoyed a good game of dominoes and treasure hunting with his metal detector. His life's dreams were to go prospecting for gold in Arizona and fishing in Alaska.

He was preceded in death by

his grandparents, Robert Lee and Julia Pearl Wells.

He is survived by a son, Nicholas Ray Green and wife, Jennifer; a daughter, Ryan Nicole Pogi and husband, Howard; parents, Ray and Anna Marie Kelln, all of Lawton; five grandchildren, Hailey, Colin and Taylor Green and Miyanna and Allana Ortega; five step-grandchildren; two brothers, Clifton (Kip) Green, of Arlington, and David Kelln and wife Jeab, of Lawton; a baby sister, Julia Southern and husband, Kevin, Joplin, Mo.; nephews, Matthew Southern and Brett Green; and nieces, Bethanie Southern and Priya Kelln.

Online guest book may be signed at www.whineryhuddleston.com.

Mary Lee Harris Heck



Mary Lee Harris Heck died July 9, 2011. Services were July 11 at Brown's Funeral Home, Coalgate, Okla. Her final resting place is at Centrahoma (OK) Cemetery.

She was born Dec. 14, 1928 in Coal (OK) County. She was one-half Chickasaw and one-half Choctaw.

Mrs. Heck was a homemaker and nurse aide. She was a wonderful cook and her home was always full of children. She donated her quilts to many organizations for fundraising.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Nancy Roberts and Osborne Reason Harris; her husband, R.L. (Dutch) Heck; a brother, David Harris; a sister, Jessie Mae Lynch; and grandparents, Elsie (Walton) and Wilson Roberts and Reason and Blannie (Willis) Harris.

She is survived by a brother, James Harris, of Tupelo, Okla.; daughters, Shirley and husband, Tommy Morgan, of Centrahoma, Ricky and husband, Dan Loudermilk, of Coalgate; Marilyn K. and husband, Doyle Morgan, of Ada, Okla., Tom and wife, Donna Heck, and Randy Heck, all of Coalgate; grandchildren, Allen and wife,

Karla Chapman, Renay and husband, Juan Foreman, all of Coalgate, Mendy and husband, Chris Watkins, of Ada, Terie and Laramie Adams, of Tupelo, Matthew Morgan, of Ada, Christy and husband, Jerry Davis, Keyvin Heck, all of Coalgate, Misty and husband, Fred Goodwin, of Coppell, Texas, Jennifer and Ray Gurley, of Ada, Stevie Heck, of Midland, Texas, Leandra Morgan, of Centrahoma, Lynsey Loudermilk, and Reece Heck, both of Coalgate; great-grandchildren, Alyson and Kallie Chapman, Joseph, Seth and Luke Foreman, Zayne, Zachary and Morgan Davis, Cayman and Kai Watkins, Jolie, Kelsey and Lawson Morgan, Rhyan and Skylar Pogue and Gabriel Gurley.

She will be missed by all of her friends and family.

Note of Thanks

The family of Mary L. Heck wishes to thank, Pastor David Boggs, Brown's Funeral Home, The Choctaw Community Center, The First Baptist Church in Centrahoma, The Chickasaw Nation, The Choctaw Nation, The staff of Ada Care Center, McCortney Family Hospice, and the Ada Dialysis Center.

To Mary's friends and family, thank you for your prayers.

Judy C. Harlin

Judy C. Harlin, 93, died July 12, 2011, at Corona, Calif. Services were July 16, 2011 at Grimes-Akes Family's "Grace Chapel", Corona, with Pastor Charles Harlin officiating. Interment followed at Crestlawn Memorial Park.

She was born May 6, 1918 at St. Louis, Mo., and lived in the Riverside Co. area for 63 years.

She enjoyed sewing, and was considered quite a seamstress, dancer, assembling a family tree, gardener, piano player and traveler. She was a devoted wife, mother, and homemaker for over 70 years.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Boss, in 1990; and a son, Steve Harlin.

She is survived by her beloved children, Gloria Woods and Louis, and Mike Harlin and Rosalie; she was a devoted grandmother of 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

For those who wish, in lieu of flowers, family requests donations to be made to Care Alternative Hospice, 7344 Magnolia Ave., Ste. 245, Riverside, CA 92504 in Mrs. Harlin's memory.

Online guest book at www.akesfamilyfuneralhome.com

Mary James



Mary James, 95, of the Fillmore (OK) Community, died July 13, 2011 at her home. Services were July 16, 2011 at the Clark Funeral Chapel with Brother Randy Wade officiating, assisted by Brother Allen Beck. Interment followed at Sandy Creek Cemetery at Fillmore.

She was born September 6, 1915 at Fillmore, to Tecumseh John and Sally Wolf John. She attended school in Fillmore and was a lifelong resident of the area.

She married Amos James in 1936 at Fillmore. He preceded her in death on October 21, 1988.

She was a homemaker and attended the Freedom Fellowship Church.

Mrs. James was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, Grady James; a sister, Pauline; two brothers, Jack John and Aaron "Chief" John; and three grandchildren, Robin Byars, Seth Baken and Pam Green.

She is survived by children, Dorothy Green, of Tishomingo, Okla., Edna Mae Baken, of Fillmore, Ruby Harner, of Fillmore, Ruben James and wife, Rose, of Coleman, Okla., Frank James, of Tishomingo, Ronnie James and wife, Hazel, of Morrison, Okla., and Sue Pidgus and husband "Hot Shot", of Fillmore.

Pallbearers were Micheal Baken, Tracy James, Dustin Adams, Jeremy James, Isaiah James, E. J. Green, Brandon John and Lucas May. Honorary Bearers were Tim Baken, Eric Adams, "Hot Shot" Pidgus, Jeff Tipton, Robert Davis, Donnie Finch, Lowery Bennett and Michael May.

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Kay Meely



Kay Meely, 58, of Ada, Okla., died June 8, 2011 at Ardmore, Okla. Services were June 11, 2011 at Smith-Phillips Funeral Home in Ada, with Rev. Larry Hawkins officiating and Sherri McElroy assisting. Burial followed at Seeley-Blue Cemetery near Connerville, Okla.

She was born Aug. 17, 1952 at Pontotoc, Okla., to Milton Sealy and Lillian Levi Sealy.

She married Winna Meely in 1993 at Ada.

Mrs. Meely graduated from Mill Creek (OK) High School and attended Murray State College in Tishomingo, Okla.

She was a longtime resident of Ada and had worked as a nurses aide for many years. She was a member of the Pennington United Methodist Church in Reagan, Okla.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Tammy Sue Parker; her husband, Winna Meely; her parents, Milton and Lillian Sealy; a brother, Melvin Sealy; and a sister, Juanita Thomas.

She is survived by a son, Dale Parker, of Ada; a daughter, Linda Perez, of Ada; a brother, Edison Sealy, of Ada; three sisters, Nadine Lewis, of Ardmore, Suzanne Russell and husband Charley, of Ada, and Shirley McElroy, of Austin, Texas; and seven grandchildren, Isabell Hope Wilson, Star Destiny Parker, Abigale Rose Catron, Vincent Perez, Nathan Perez, Melton Isaiah Perez, and Littlefoot Jose Solomon.

Bearers were her nephews. Honorary bearers were her great-nephews

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David "Duck" Powell



David "Duck" Powell, 56, died July 6, 2011 at Ardmore, Okla. Services were July 11, at Griffin-Hillcrest Chapel, Ardmore with Pastor Steve Skinner and Reverend Randy Baptiste officiating. Internment followed at McAlister Cemetery, Carter County.

He was born January 10, 1955 at Talihina, Okla. to Elmer Powell and Leola Mae (John) Powell.

Mr. Powell attended Ardmore schools. He took a position with Carter Seminary and also worked in various nursing homes in the area. In his youth, he loved to hunt and fish, as well as play dominoes and cook for his friends and family. He played pool on local pool leagues in the area and represented Ardmore in Las Vegas from 1989 to 2006 in national tournaments. Spending time with family was very important to him, and he always felt his greatest accomplishment in life were his three children.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by a son; Sgt. David Alexander Powell-Cavener and wife, Shydelle, of Alaska, and their children, Nichole and Nathan; two daughters, Leah (Powell-Cavener) Mull and husband, Dan, of Kona, Okla. and their children Xavier and Kimberlie; and Brittany Powell of Ardmore, Okla.; brothers, Jerry Lane, of Wilson, Okla., Sammy Powell, of Springer, Okla. and Vincent Marris, of Ardmore, Okla.; and a sister, Yolanda Thompson, of Ardmore, Okla.

Pallbearers were Luther Wooley, Charles Thompson, Thomas Garcia, Dennis Lee, Calvin Adcock and Murphy Kinard. Honorary pallbearers were Wayne Johnson, Randy Johnson, Hank Taylor, Square Gardner and Ron Parker.

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Eddie Ray Sampson



Eddie Ray Sampson, 52, died July 10, 2011 at Ardmore, Okla. Services were July 14, at Durwood Missionary Baptist Church with Reverend Scott Battiest officiating. Interment followed at Nelda Cemetery.

He was born December 15, 1958 at Talihina, Okla., to Edward Sampson and Irene (Thomas Sampson) Mose.

He was a member of the Durwood Missionary Baptist Church. He enjoyed watching movies and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson Zachary Preston; a nephew Brandon Henry; and a niece Kara Sampson.

He is survived by two sons, Jessie Sampson and wife, Rose, of Vicenza, Italy and Jordan Thomas, of Ardmore; two daughters; Sarah Sampson of Ardmore, and Sierra Preston and husband, Chaz, of Dickson, Okla.; four grandchildren Daylin Arneecher, Peyton Sampson, Ashton Sampson and Logan Preston; brothers and sisters, Dale Sampson, of Dickson, Barbara Shoemaker and husband, Junior, of Ardmore, Dennis Sampson and wife, Kathy, of Lone Grove, Okla., Johnny Sampson and wife, Joyce, of Ardmore, Quenna Sampson and fiancée, Keith Martin, of Del City, Okla. and Steven Mose, of Madill, Okla.; and numerous nieces, nephews and a host of extended family.

Pallbearers were his brothers, son-in-law Chaz Preston and brother-in-law Junior Shoemaker.

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Charles J. Shico, SR.

Charles J. Shico Sr., died July 2, 2011. Services were July 6, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel, Lawton, Okla., with Rev. Videll Yackeschi and Tina Baker officiating. Interment followed at Highland Cemetery, Lawton.

Mr. Shico was born Oct. 13, 1938 to Felix and Irene Alexander Shico at PHS Indian Hospital, Lawton. He grew up in the Ada, Tishomingo and Ravia, Okla. area. He was a full blood Chickasaw tribal member.

He attended grade school in Ravia and graduated from Chillico Indian School, Chillico, Okla., in 1958. He was in the U. S. Army National Guard for eight years. In his early years, he worked for steel, construction, plumbing, welding, mechanic and painting companies. He also worked for Douglas Aircraft in Tulsa. He retired after many years of labor due to health problems.

He married Sandra Jean Hendrix April 12, 1965 at Sherman, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Andrew Shico; his grandparents, Cornelius Charles Alexander and Sarah Hawkins Alexander; and several uncles and aunts.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Jean Shico, of the home; two sons, Charles James Shico, Jr. (Indian Elvis) and Brian Scott Shico, of the home; a daughter, Faith Carol Shico Martinez and son-in-law, George Martinez, of Walters, Okla.; three grandsons, Barron Gene Martinez, Phillip Dean Martinez (Britches), and Jay Curtis Martinez, of Walters; two great-granddaughters, Jessie Ototivo Martinez and Alexa Faith Marie Martinez, of Walters; an aunt, Delores Alexander, of Ravia, Okla.; an uncle, Samuel Alexander, of Ada, Okla.; and numerous relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Brian Scott Shico, Phillip Dean Martinez, Felix Shico, Jay Curtis Martinez, Jon Shico, Abel Vargas, Barron Gene Martinez and Timmy Yellowfish.

Honorary bearers were Charles Elrod, Kellen Vargas, Darrel Cable, Dwight Ahdosy, Kevin Hendrix, Bob Tenequer, Philip Hendrix Jr., Gerald Poemoceah, Carl Sands, Tim Harjo, Tony Pennah, Dennis Pennah, Vernel Pennah Jr. and Elmer James Pennah.

Leslie Alan Shields



Leslie Alan Shields, 49, of Oklahoma City, died June 14, 2011.

He was born Feb. 23, 1962 at Dallas, to Homer Shields and Dollie Cole.

He was full blood Native American, Chickasaw and Choctaw and very proud to be Native American.

He was a very light hearted, happy-go-lucky person. Out to have fun and help others when he could. He lost the ability to use his hands and legs after a car accident in 2000 and was in a wheelchair but he did not allow this to stop him from getting out and enjoying life.

He would use a walker to go short distances and would do his best to walk and get some exercise. More than once he would cook and fix a plate then take it to his mom who lived a couple of houses down from him. He was a good cook and like to share the dishes he put together.

Mr. Shields was known for making friends wherever he went and his acts of kindness. So quick to smile and make us laugh. Many times we would be in tears and our sides hurting because he could make us laugh so hard. Now, our eyes fill with tears because we miss him so. But we remember him with fond memories and this helps us go on.

Knowing you are no longer confined to your physical body and able to hop, skip and jump and run like the wind makes us smile. For we know you are happy. Whistling and walking briskly with a spring in your step.

Dear Brother, your smily and laughter will forever be etched in our hearts.

He is preceded in death by his grandmother, Elmay Walton Alexander; two aunts, Henrietta Trachtman and Hattie Ruth; an uncle Don Trachtman; a cousin, Michael Demarrias; a sister-in-law, Dorene; and a very special friend, Karen Taggers.

He is survived by his parents, Homer Shields, of Ada, Okla., and Dollie Cole, of Oklahoma

City; a special friend Debbie, of Lexington, Okla.; two brothers, Anthony Shields, of Oklahoma City and Eric Shields, of McAlester, Okla.; two sisters, Rhonda Shields, of Oklahoma City and Renata Shields, of Byng, Okla.; two brother-in-laws, Joel Leftwich, of Oklahoma City and Mark Birdshead, of Concho, Okla.; eight nephews, Christopher and Nicholas Shields, of Oklahoma City, Jericho Shields, of Seiling, Okla., Jarrod Shields, Jacob, Jalon, Mark Jr., and Jace Birdshead, of Byng, Okla.; four nieces, Connie Shields, of Oklahoma City, Sarah and Tommie Rose Shields and Breanne Birdshead, all of Byng; a great-niece, Bailee Raine Shields, of Byng; and many more family and friends.

One day we shall all be together again.

We love and miss you bunches.

The family would like to thank all those who gave a shoulder to cry on, a big hug when needed and for just being there during this difficult time.

God Bless you all.

Georgia Ann Stufflebeam



Georgia Ann Stufflebeam, 76, of Tishomingo, Okla., died May 27, 2011 at Mercy Hospital of Tishomingo. Services were June 18 at Clark Funeral Chapel with Rev. Lyn Gaskey officiating. A private burial will be conducted at a later date.

She was born Feb. 19, 1934 at Arkansas City, Kan., to John W. Bradshaw and Hazel Walner Bradshaw.

She was married to James L. Stufflebeam and was a jet engine inspector for the General Electric Corporation. She had currently been residing in the Hillcrest Care Center in Tishomingo.

Mrs. Stufflebeam was preceded in death by her parents; a great-nephew, Jorden Bradley Sisco in 1992; and two great-nieces, Kara Lujean Bradshaw in 2005 and Gloria lynn Robertson in 2010.

She is survived by her hus-

band James L. Stufflebeam, of Tishomingo; brothers, John Wayne Bradshaw and wife, Belora Jean, and Eugene Bradshaw, all of Arkansas City; sisters, Mary E. Mills and husband, Gilbert, of Arkansas City and Virginia Mills and husband, Billy, of Tishomingo.

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Linda Sue Battice



Linda Sue Battice, 64, died July 26, 2011 at Ada, Okla. Services were July 30, 2011 at Griffin-Hillcrest Chapel, Ardmore, Okla., with Reverend Jeff Frazier officiating. Internment followed at Nelda Cemetery, Carter County, Okla.

She was born February 8, 1947 at Talihina, Okla., to Clifford Thomas and Julia (Parker) Thomas.

She attended Chilocco Indian School and the Byng Nursing School. She worked as a licensed practical nurse and worked in Oklahoma City and Ardmore at Memorial Hospital. She also worked at the Chickasaw Clinic in Ardmore.

She enjoyed cooking and sewing blankets for her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. She also loved listening to the music of Elvis, especially his gospel music, and walking.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two infant siblings; and two brothers, Wayne Thomas and Gary Thomas.

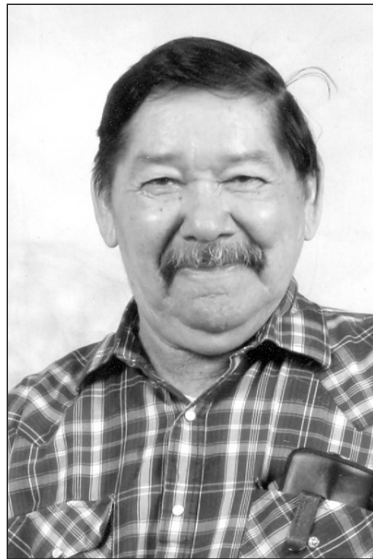
She is survived by a daughter, Deborah Battice, of Ada; four sons, David Battice and wife Gloria, of Ardmore, William Marcus Battice, of Shawnee, Okla., Stephen Battice and wife Stephanie, of Cameron, Okla., and Reverend Scott Battice and wife Mandy, of Ardmore; 16 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a half-brother, Wilson Parker, of Madill, Okla.; and close companion, Chet Underwood.

Pallbearers were Jay Wallace, Kevin Ned, Brian Ned, Ronnie

Sampson, Danny Sampson and Myron Lewis.

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Charles Leroy Robertson



Charles Leroy Robertson, 76 of Kingston, Okla., died July 26, 2011 at a hospital in Madill, Okla. Services were July 29, at Watts Funeral Home, Kingston, with Dianna Howard officiating. Interment followed at Fillmore-Greenwood Cemetery, Fillmore, Okla.

He was born May 10, 1935 at Fillmore, to the late E. C. Robertson and Ava Greenwood Robertson. He was raised in Emet, Okla., where he attended school. He moved to Oklahoma City where he lived for several

years and went into the construction business.

Mr. Robertson later moved to Kingston and worked for Leon's Greenhouse before moving to Dallas, where he worked for Trinity Construction. After retirement he moved back to Kingston where he lived the rest of his life.

He was a member of the Chickasaw Nation and he was affiliated with the Baptist faith. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Mark Robertson; and three brothers, Benny, John and Perry Robertson.

He is survived by his stepmom, Margie Robertson, of Kingston; children, Steve Robertson, and Leslie Robertson, both of Oklahoma City, Cathy Baker, of Kingston, Cassie Robertson, of Madill; brothers, Floyd Robert, of Kingston, Lloyd Robertson, of Grand Prairie, Texas, Cleve Robertson, Euless, Texas, Roylee Robertson, of Kingston, Kent Robertson, of Iowa, and Ernie Robertson, of Kingston; a sister, Vera Hughes, of Berryville, Arkansas; and several grandkids, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Casket bearers were Kenny Robertson, Curtis Robertson, Dan Robertson, Gene Robertson, Larry Bailey and Pete Cobb.

Note of Thanks

From the family of Roxie Darlene Wingo

We would like to express our true and sincere appreciation for all of the wonderful expressions of sympathy at the loss of our mother and grandmother Roxie Darlene Wingo.

Please know that your visits, cards, flowers, words, food and charitable donations mean so

very much. They were, and remain to be, a comfort to us.

A special thanks to Smith-Phillips Funeral Home, Pastor Steve Wilburn, the Chickasaw Nation, Fitzhugh Baptist Church and Survivor Warriors from around the country.

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Chickasaw Nation Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
June 17, 2011

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson David Woerz called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Michael L. Wingo, Dana Lance, Jarrod Shields, Marcy Gray

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - May 20, 2011

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the minutes of May 20, 2011.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2011 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 28-034, Approval of Development Budget Amendment Burney Institute Restoration-Phase I

This resolution approves an amendment to the Development Budget for the Burney Institute Restoration-Phase I, Project Number 20-0103-10 in the amount of \$1,808,704.00. Burney Institute is located approximately one and one-half miles east of Lebanon, Oklahoma near State Highway 32 in Marshall County and was named for a Chickasaw family who settled nearby. The historic property contains the two-story brick school, plus the first floor of the three-floor school dormitory. The dormitory has been converted into a living quarters, but the school building is much as it was at the end of the 19th Century. Restoration of the buildings is planned.

Initiated by the Chickasaw Council in 1854, it was completed and opened in 1860. Originally a school for Chickasaw girls and classic education, in 1872 the school also accepted Chickasaw boys for education.

A frame construction dormitory was added to the south of the school. It consisted of 18 rooms, each with a central fireplace. The kitchen and dining areas were on the first floor, where the girls also lived. On the second floor were the teachers, and the boys lived on the third floor and in the attic.

The school was closed during the Civil War and was reopened in 1887 as the Chickasaw Orphans Home and Manual Labor School. The facility was home to 60 orphans. In 1895, the original school building burned and was replaced by the current brick structure. The school continued in operation until about 1910 and was sold at public auction in 1914.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve GR28-0934.

Mrs. Alexander asked that the explanation page be corrected. Ms. Case, Mr. Scott Colbert, and Mr. Tim Colbert voiced their opposition to the resolution because of budgetary reasons. Ms. Briggs, Ms. Hammond, Ms. Barker and Chairperson Woerz voiced their support for the resolution because of its historic value to the Chickasaw Nation.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander to table GR28-034 until the Legislature receives a final estimated cost of restoring the project. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

A roll call vote was taken to approve GR28-034.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert

3 no votes

The motion to approve GR28-034 carried.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(B) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 28-030, Utility Easement in Johnston County

This resolution authorizes and approves a utility easement granted to Southeastern Electric Cooperative to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission and/or distribution line or system on or under the above-described lands and/or in, upon or under all streets, roads or highways abutting said lands; to inspect and make such repairs, changes, alterations, improvements, removals

from, substitutions and additions to its facilities as the Cooperative may from time to time deem advisable, including, by way of example and not by way of limitation, the right to increase or decrease the number of conduits, wires, cables, hand holes, manholes, connection boxes, transformers and transformer enclosures; to cut, trim, and control the growth by pesticide/herbicide application, machinery or otherwise of trees and shrubbery located within and up to 15 feet on each or both sides of the center line as may be required of said line or system, or that may interfere with or threaten to endanger the operation and maintenance of said line or system (including any control of the growth of other vegetation in the right-of-way which may incidentally and necessarily result from the means of control employed); to keep the easement clear of all buildings, structures or other obstructions; and to license, permit or otherwise agree to the joint use of occupancy of the lines, system or, if any said system is placed underground, of the trench and related underground facilities, by any other person, association or corporation. Property location: Whitehouse Additional Tract, Johnston County, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR28-030.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-030 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 28-031, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, located at 714 East Orchard Street. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. The property is to be utilized as additional space for the Chickasaw Nation Communications property.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR28-031.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

Member voting no: Beth Alexander

1 no vote

The motion to approve GR28-031 carried.

General Resolution Number 28-032, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Johnston County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to accept, as a gift, real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma as addition to the Capitol property.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR28-032.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-032 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 28-033, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to acquire real property in Fittstown, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, County Road 3590, to be utilized as additional tribal land.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR28-033.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-033 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

There was no new business or comments from citizens.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean McManus, Secretary

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

JULY 2011 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 28-035
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Atoka County
Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s request to acquire certain real property owned by the State of Oklahoma that is currently being used as a public park, with such land being located in Atoka County, Oklahoma, and being commonly known as “Boggy Depot State Park.”
Property Location: Atoka County
Use: Public Recreational Area
Purpose: Cultural and Historic Preservation
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz
General Resolution Number 28-036

Application for Grants under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s application for federal funding to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Public Prevention Health Fund: Community Transformation Grant. Funds from this grant will be utilized to establish a multi-agency coalition who will conduct a community health needs assessment and determine health disparities within the Chickasaw Nation. Furthermore, information from a policy scan will document existing policies, environments, programs and infrastructure, and results from the policy scan will identify needed strategic changes to improve health services. Upon successful completion of all targeted capacity building activities, capacity building recipients will be eligible to apply for implementation funding. The grant proposal is not to exceed

\$500,000 per year for up to five (5) years.
Presented by: Human Resources Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz
Absent: Mary Jo Green
General Resolution Number 28-037
Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2012
Explanation: This resolution approves the Consolidated Governmental Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 in the amount of \$124,245,000.
Presented by: Finance Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee July 5, 2011 Present: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz Absent: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs Finance Committee July 5, 2011 Present: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz Absent: Linda Briggs Human Resources Committee	July 5, 2011 Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Toby Perkins, David Woerz Absent: Scott Colbert, Shana Hammond Land Development Committee July 5, 2011 Present: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, David Woerz Absent: Linda Briggs, Connie Barker
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